

Senate Resolution No. 16

BY: Senator HELMING

COMMENDING Jack Crabbe upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the caring concern and heroic acts of individuals who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations to preserve the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Jack Crabbe upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Senate Liberty Medal was established by Resolution and is awarded to individuals who have merited special commendation for exceptional, heroic, or humanitarian acts on behalf of their fellow New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, August 31, 2024, Jack Crabbe, of Victor, New York, his father, and a friend, were enjoying a game of golf at nearby Ravenwood Golf Course when the 15-year-old's father suddenly, with no indication of a problem, collapsed on the green and stopped breathing; and

WHEREAS, Without hesitation, high school sophomore, Jack Crabbe, shouted for help and called 9-1-1, providing important information to the operator; following the operator's instructions, this brave young man commenced CPR, an important skill he had learned at Victor High School just the previous year; and

WHEREAS, As the only individual on the golf course who knew how to administer this life-saving technique, Jack Crabbe maintained the recommended rhythm of 100-120 chest compressions per minute; other golfers and golf course staff members lent support, counting along with the teen hero for three or four minutes; and

WHEREAS, First responders arrived and employed an automated external defibrillator (AED) to restart the 49-year-old father's heart after which he was transported to University of Rochester Medicine's Strong Memorial Hospital where experts restored his heart's function; the cardiologists credited Jack Crabbe on his quick and decisive actions, providing a successful outcome; and

WHEREAS, It is a well-established fact that the first several minutes of cardiac arrest are the most crucial in the prevention of long-lasting symptoms and potential fatality; according to the American Heart Association, more than 350,000 individuals in the United States

experience out-of-hospital cardiac arrests annually, and the survival rate is only 10 percent; CPR can double a victim's chances of survival but, unfortunately, is administered in less than half of the cases; and

WHEREAS, This noble and heroic teenager can now continue to play golf with his father; enjoying baseball and football, he has participated in various baseball leagues outside of school; he was recently honored as the inaugural Blue Devil of the Day, a program that recognizes and celebrates student-athletes, coaches, fans, and supporters of Victor Athletics, all of whom champion courage, respect, and resilience while inspiring and empowering others; and

WHEREAS, Jack Crabbe's mother credits her son with saving not only his father's life but also the family; the Crabbe family hopes their story will inspire others to learn and become certified in CPR training; and

WHEREAS, Due to Jack Crabbe's noble and courageous actions, a precious life was saved, and a seemingly dire situation had positive results; this humble hero's intervention is a reminder of the profound impact which kindness and preparedness can have in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Jack Crabbe, in his spontaneous and heroic act, has so aptly demonstrated his character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his action, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without thought of danger or reward when others need help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Jack Crabbe upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jack Crabbe.