Senate Resolution No. 1888

**BY:** Senator STEC

**COMMENDING** Richard P. Leach, M.D., upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2026 Liberty Bell Award

**WHEREAS,** Individuals who give of their time and energies and serve the best interests of their communities are assets beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Richard P. Leach, M.D., upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2026 Liberty Bell Award, presented by the Warren County Bar Association; and

**WHEREAS,** The American Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award is the most prestigious award given by lawyers to a non-lawyer; the Award honors a person who has strengthened the American system of freedom and justice under law through their extraordinary contributions to the community; the announcement of the Award is one of the highlights of Law Day, a day set aside by the Congress to celebrate our great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under law; and

**WHEREAS,** The Warren County Bar Association presents its local Award to a Warren County resident to recognize that person for contributions outside their regular employment or for service above and beyond one's normal and expected work responsibilities if they are currently employed within the legal or criminal justice system; and

**WHEREAS,** Obtaining his education at Dartmouth College and the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, Richard P. Leach, M.D., continued his post-doctoral training with his residency at Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown and his fellowship at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; and

**WHEREAS,** Earning several certifications, Dr. Richard P. Leach, of Queensbury, New York, is a dedicated and exemplary physician who has spent his life tirelessly and selflessly working to support the people of his community; and

**WHEREAS,** A few of Dr. Richard P. Leach's positions and appointments include Attending Physician, Consultant, Medical Director, Founder and President Emeritus, and Chairman; additionally, he has been a member of several medical organizations; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Richard P. Leach retired from his self-employed private practice as Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases, and Travel Doctor and from Glens Falls Hospital as Hospital Epidemiologist; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Richard P. Leach is a special person who spent his career working to help cure people and prevent disease, sharing his medical knowledge during times of uncertainty; in retirement, he has

expanded his efforts to help immigrants and assist his community in understanding all aspects of immigration; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to his work with immigration, Dr. Richard P. Leach is a frequent guest editorial writer about medical issues, sharing his knowledge with the public; he has published several guest essays where he shares his medical knowledge in interesting ways, facilitating public understanding of complex medical issues; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Richard P. Leach's professionalism, civic duty, and community activities have benefited countless individuals and families throughout the decades of his illustrious career; this dedicated physician and asset to his community has left an indelible mark that will be a positive influence for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Richard P. Leach stands as an example of duty, perseverance, and service to both his country and his community; his contributions represent the very spirit of the Liberty Bell Award; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Richard P. Leach, M.D., upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2026 Liberty Bell Award; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richard P. Leach, M.D.