

## 2013-J393

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michael Presta upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Liberty Award for his heroic and lifesaving actions

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, remaining calm under pressure, in an effort to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, The quality and sanctity of human life are cherished values, worthy of safeguarding; this Legislative Body is proud to honor an individual who would serve to protect it; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michael Presta upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Liberty Award for his heroic and lifesaving actions in saving the life of a child; and

WHEREAS, While on his way to work on December 12, 2011, Port Jefferson Paramedic Lieutenant Michael Presta approached a vehicle accident; he pulled over to see if anyone in the vehicles was injured; and

WHEREAS, Upon approaching the crash, Michael Presta realized that a child in one of the vehicles was not breathing; and

WHEREAS, Michael Presta quickly removed the child from the damaged vehicle and began lifesaving measures by performing CPR and other stabilizing procedures, ultimately saving the child's life; and

WHEREAS, Michael Presta should be meritoriously commended for remaining calm under pressure and for showing valor and true courage while performing a lifesaving deed; and

WHEREAS, Through his spontaneous and heroic actions, Michael Presta demonstrated his character and his compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his actions, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without the thought of danger or reward when others are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Michael Presta upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Liberty Award for his heroic and lifesaving actions; and be it

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael Presta.