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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sergeant Joseph J. Breu of the Livingston County Sheriff's Office 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 incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sergeant Joseph J. Breu of the Livingston County Sheriff's Office 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 Sunday, March 8, 2015, an unattended frying pan sparked a fire at a home on East Lake Road in Livonia; and

WHEREAS, Upon arriving on scene, Sgt. Breu found the homeowner, Reginald Hogan, unwilling to leave the home, which was quickly becoming engulfed in flames; in an effort to save the homeowner, Sgt. Breu physically removed the man from the burning structure, with assistance from two neighbors, Chester Gascon and Stephanie Stafford; and

WHEREAS, Livingston County Sheriff Thomas J. Dougherty credited the

three as heroes, saying, "The efforts of Chet, Stephanie and Sgt. Breu were lifesaving and for that, I thank them all"; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Livingston County Sheriff's Deputy Sergeant Joseph J. Breu upon the occasion of his designation as a 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 Sergeant Joseph J. Breu.