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Senate Resolution No. 447

BY: Senator MURPHY

HONORING Everett White in recognition of his prompt and heroic actions in saving the life of a woman who was choking

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the caring concern and heroic acts of those exemplary citizens who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations and in doing so, help others to avert life-threatening danger; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Everett White in recognition of his prompt and heroic actions in saving the life of a 77-year old woman who was choking on a piece of food; and

WHEREAS, Everett White, who serves as Chief of the Pawling Fire Department, was in attendance at a holiday celebration with family and friends on December 24, 2016, when he learned of a woman at the gathering who had become distressed when a piece of food lodged in her airway; and

WHEREAS, After confirming the woman could not breathe, Everett White removed her from the crowded kitchen; he tried to clear the airway but the woman went limp; he immediately began the Heimlich maneuver; and

WHEREAS, After successful administration of the Heimlich, the woman resumed breathing and medics determined that no further action was required; and

WHEREAS, Everett White, 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 citizens across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without 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 Everett White in recognition of his heroic action in saving the life of a choking victim, noting the significance of his immediate and unconditional response to come to the aid of another in a life-threatening situation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Everett White.