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Senate Resolution No. 411

BY: Senator HELMING

COMMENDING Investigator Mike Strohm 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, nobly risking their own lives in an effort to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Investigator Mike Strohm 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 the evening of May 19, 2018, three women were boating in a two person paddleboat on Seneca Lake when it began to sink; one of the three young women involved in the accident had to be pulled from the frigid 48 degree water by a local resident, during which time she was unconscious and gasping for air; and

WHEREAS, First on the scene was off-duty Seneca County Sheriff's Office Investigator Mike Strohm, who responded without hesitation and

immediately began administering CPR; once the victim was breathing on her own she was taken by ambulance to Geneva General Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Due to the timely, heroic and selfless efforts of Investigator Mike Strohm, the woman survived what could have been a fatal boating accident; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Romulus, New York, Mike Strohm began his illustrious career with the Seneca County Sheriff's Office as a Uniform Deputy in June of 2011; he was promoted to Investigator in October of 2016; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Mike Strohm's tireless efforts and positive attitude are in the finest tradition of law enforcement, making him an asset to the office of sheriff and the citizens of Seneca County; and

WHEREAS, In addition to this most prestigious honor, Investigator Mike Strohm was named 2018 Officer of the Year by the Seneca County Sheriff's Office at its Annual Awards Ceremony on Friday, January 4, 2019, for his steadfast dedication in all areas of law enforcement, including leading the narcotics division and criminal investigations; and

WHEREAS, Investigator Mike Strohm, 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 are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Investigator Mike Strohm 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 Investigator Mike Strohm.