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Senate Resolution No. 780

BY: Senator PALUMBO

COMMENDING retired NYPD officer Frank Recupero 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend retired NYPD officer Frank Recupero 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 Saturday, April 10, 2021, retired NYPD officer Frank "JR" Recupero was driving his car in the Village of Patchogue on Long Island when he witnessed a Suffolk County officer struggling with a man who had just crashed his car at the corner of South Ocean Avenue and

Brook Street, and had run into the backyard of former Marine Guillermo Sandoval; and

WHEREAS, Frank Recupero's instincts kicked in and he immediately ran to help Officer Christopher Racioppo who had just been critically stabbed in the leg by the assailant; without fear for his own safety, he tackled the attacker, not knowing where the knife was; and

WHEREAS, While Frank Recupero was trying to subdue the man, Guillermo Sandoval grabbed a belt and applied a tourniquet to Officer Christopher Racioppo's leg which was bleeding profusely; his fellow officers soon arrived to help, and Officer Racioppo was transported to Stony Brook University Hospital where he underwent emergency surgery; and

WHEREAS, Frank Recupero truly helped save the life of Officer Racioppo who would surely have bled to death without the aid of his two good Samaritans; and

WHEREAS, Frank Recupero, through his spontaneous and heroic actions, 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 the State of New York who voluntarily respond when others are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend retired NYPD officer Frank Recupero 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 retired NYPD officer Frank Recupero.