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Senate Resolution No. 534

BY: Senator MANNION

COMMENDING Aiden B. Carter 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 Aiden B. Carter 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, In September of 2022, 13-year-old Aiden Carter and his father were driving along Route 481 in Oswego, New York, when they witnessed a single car lose control, striking a bridge, and then spinning around and landing on the shoulder of the highway; they

immediately pulled over and raced to the vehicle, whereupon, they noticed it was on fire; and

WHEREAS, Aiden Carter called 911, and then he and his father tried to find a way to get the driver and other passengers out of the locked, burning car; along with other drivers who stopped to help, Aiden was finally able to pull the passengers out, just as the car became completely engulfed in flames and filled with smoke; and

WHEREAS, Aiden Carter checked on the driver, who was injured and helped move him to a safer location several times before the ambulance arrived; and

WHEREAS, A typical 8th grade teenager, Aiden Carter is homeschooled and actively involved in his church youth group; he also enjoys playing the violin, learning the German language, and is a goalie for the Port City Royals soccer team; a game master, he loves to play Dungeons & Dragons with his friends, has started writing his own book series and is pursuing blacksmithing so he can create the weapons used in those books; and

WHEREAS, Aiden Carter plans to join the Civil Air Patrol to help pave the way towards his goal of attending the Air Force Academy and becoming a C-17 pilot; and

WHEREAS, Aiden B. Carter, in his spontaneous and heroic acts, 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 Aiden B. Carter 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 Aiden B. Carter.