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Senate Resolution No. 547

BY: Senator PALUMBO

COMMENDING Frank Greenwood and William Renten upon the occasion of their designation as recipients 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 Frank Greenwood and William Renten upon the occasion of their designation as recipients 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, Around 9 a.m. on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, Riverhead Town Highway employees Frank Greenwood and William Renten were repairing the sidewalk on Pulaski Street and Hamilton Avenue when they heard a woman yelling and saw her pointing at them and their fellow workers; and

WHEREAS, Frank Greenwood and William Renten looked over and saw flames coming from a second-floor window in an apartment above the Western Union store; the men immediately ran over to the building, and Frank yelled for someone to call 911 and inform the dispatcher there were people inside; and

WHEREAS, Frank Greenwood and William Renten opened the door and noticed the upstairs was completely covered in smoke and saw flames in the back of the building; through the thick smoke, Frank and William saw a woman on the stairs, and swiftly ran up and brought her down to safety outside the burning house; and

WHEREAS, Frank Greenwood then turned around and saw a second elderly woman in the corner window banging on the glass; he and William Renten went back into the smoke-filled house and helped her get down the stairs and out the door; and

WHEREAS, After safely extricating the two elderly women, Frank Greenwood and William Renten went back into the house once again and tried to put out the fire with extinguishers, however, it was too far gone; and

WHEREAS, Frank Greenwood and William Renten, through their spontaneous and heroic actions, demonstrated their character and their compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of their 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 Frank Greenwood and William Renten upon the occasion of their

designation as recipients of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Frank Greenwood and William Renten.