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Senate Resolution No. 2744

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING John Joseph Gorman, MD, posthumously 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, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably in wars in which this country's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace in peacetime, deserve a special salute from this esteemed Body; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend John Joseph Gorman, MD, posthumously 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, A resident of Schenectady, John Joseph Gorman, MD, will be honored by the Schenectady County Honor-a-Veteran Committee during the Award Ceremony, held at St. Luke's Pastoral Center in Schenectady, New York, on Saturday, December 7, 2024; 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, John Joseph Gorman was born to Richard and Minna Gorman in Syracuse, New York, on August 29, 1928; he graduated from Draper High School; continuing his education, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Union College in Schenectady in 1950; he also earned both a master's degree in biology and chemistry and a teaching certificate from New York State College for Teachers in Albany; and

WHEREAS, Accepted to medical school, John Joseph Gorman had to put his goals on hold as he was drafted into the United States Army on September 23, 1952, serving his country in the Radiation Division of Radiobiology at the Army Medical Research Laboratory in Fort Knox, Kentucky; he was discharged from his military duties, as a corporal, on September 3, 1954; for his exemplary service, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Marie Bove, the girl who lived around the corner, went from being John Joseph Gorman's best friend's sister to the love of his life during the years he attended graduate school; letters and telephone calls during the Army years strengthened their bond, and on a short visit home, the soldier proposed marriage; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after the wedding, the couple moved to Syracuse where John Joseph Gorman attended SUNY Upstate Medical University, graduating in 1958; he spent his residency in Syracuse, specializing in radiology; and

WHEREAS, Returning to Schenectady, John Joseph Gorman completed his fellowship and commenced his career as a radiologist and Associate

Professor of Radiology at Albany Medical Center; in 1965, he joined St. Clare's Hospital where he began a distinguished 37-year-long career in the X-ray Department; until his retirement in 1997, he served as Chief

of Radiology and Diagnostic Imaging; and

WHEREAS, Hosting family parties, swimming, and vacationing on Cape Cod with his family were enjoyable pastimes for Dr. John Joseph Gorman; some hobbies he relished were scouting for antique treasures, reading voraciously, researching his family's history, listening to Irish music, and imparting his wit and wisdom to everyone; aside from free medical advice he gave daily, he was known to give of himself with care and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Alongside his wife, Marie, Dr. John Joseph Gorman volunteered his time and talent to numerous causes in Schenectady; after his retirement, he consulted on cases for MLMIC, a medical malpractice insurance company, and served on the board of the Samaritan Counseling Center; he was also a long-time member of the Schenectady County Medical Society and Past President of the New York State Radiological Society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Joseph Gorman earned the St. Clare's Spirit of Healing Award, as well as a Proclamation from the City of Schenectady, designating January 24, 1997, as Dr. John J. Gorman Day; and

WHEREAS, John Joseph Gorman, MD, died on Sunday, May 5, 2024, at the age of 95; he is missed by all who count themselves fortunate to have shared their lives with him; and

WHEREAS, John Joseph Gorman, MD, is survived by his best friend and loving wife of 70 years, Maire; his seven children, Rick (Diana) Gorman, Kathy (Barry) Denison, Maureen Beebe, Eileen (Terrence) Donnelly, Colleen (Jack) Judge, Tim (Kathy) Gorman, and Christine (Chris) Molluso; 25 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; his brother, Jim (Mary) Gorman; and numerous

cherished nieces, nephews, in-laws, and friends; he is predeceased by his parents, Richard and Minna; his brother, Richard; and his sisters, Marilyn and Kathleen; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, John Joseph Gorman, MD, demonstrated his love for his country and merits forevermore the highest respect of his State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Our Nation's veterans deserve to be recognized, commended, and thanked by the people of the State of New York for their service and for their dedication to their communities, their State, and their Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend John Joseph Gorman, MD, posthumously 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 the family of John Joseph Gorman, MD.