

## 2015-J173

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Christopher Henry Booth 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 incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Christopher Henry Booth 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, to be celebrated on Friday, September 12, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Senate Liberty Medal was established by a resolution in 2014 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, Born on September 27, 1929, in Plattsburgh, New York, Christopher Henry Booth is a retired entrepreneur who, along with his wife, Sara Louise, owned and operated a very successful business in Plattsburgh; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Henry Booth, affectionately known as Kit, is a respected community leader who has dedicated most of his adult life to community service; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Kit Booth was the founder for the Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration Committee; he has been the Chairman of the Commem-

oration Committee since 1997, and Co-Chair since 2007; and

WHEREAS, The Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration Committee was formed by a group of museum representatives, entrepreneurs, educators, history buffs, tourism promoters, and others wanting to carry forward the work of previous commissions to honor those who fought and died in the battle of September 11, 1814, a critical event in the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, During the past 17 years, Kit Booth has been a community leader who had helped plan, fundraise, and execute the many quality events which commemorate the Battle of Plattsburgh; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Kit Booth has been instrumental in creating an important historical event, the Bicentennial Commemoration of the Battle of Plattsburgh, which will take place in September 2014 over the course of 16 days; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his esteemed work for the Battle of Plattsburgh Commemoration Committee, Kit Booth served as Alderman Ward 1, City of Plattsburgh, and as a Clinton County Legislator; he is also a Korean War Veteran, was a volunteer for CVPH Medical Center, and is a member of the Rotary Club, as well as served on numerous boards and volunteer committees; and

WHEREAS, Today, Kit Booth is a loving father and grandfather, and an accomplished wood carver; and

WHEREAS, Individuals such as Kit Booth devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Christopher Henry Booth 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, to be celebrated on September 12, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Christopher Henry Booth.