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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Oscar E. Brundige 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, 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 Oscar E. Brundige 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, to be celebrated at the Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony on January 20, 2015, at the County Building in Ballston Spa, New York; 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 July 20, 1919, in Mechanicville, New York, Oscar E. Brundige graduated from Stillwater High School in 1936; and

WHEREAS, From 1937 to 1942, Oscar E. Brundige was employed by the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company; and

WHEREAS, In April of 1942, Oscar E. Brundige began serving his country as a member of the United States Army; he served proudly in the 82nd Airborne with the 507th Parachute Infantry; and

WHEREAS, After parachuting behind enemy lines during the D-Day Invasion, this brave soldier made his way through the Ardennes and the Rhineland to participate in the Battle of the Bulge campaign; and

WHEREAS, Oscar E. Brundige earned several medals and accolades for his exceptional military service including the Distinguished Service Medal, European African-Middle Eastern Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, the Netherlands Orange Lanyard, and a Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster; he was also awarded the esteemed Belgian Fourragere; and

WHEREAS, Upon his separation from service in September of 1945, Oscar E. Brundige returned to work at the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company until 1971; he went on to work for Ciba-Geigy of Fort Edward until his retirement after 12 years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Oscar E. Brundige was a member of the Purple Heart Society, life member of the Post 490 American Legion of Stillwater, and a faithful member of the Stillwater United Church; in addition, he volunteered for the Saratoga County Meals on Wheels program for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Oscar E. Brundige's passion for bowling earned him a spot on the Stillwater Men's Bowling League for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Oscar E. Brundige 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 honor Oscar E. Brundige 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 tran-

mitted to the family of Oscar E. Brundige.