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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Corporal Frank R. Fratellenico 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 Corporal Frank R. Fratellenico 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, 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 July 14, 1951, Frank R. Fratellenico, affectionately known as Rocko, valiantly served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Vietnam War; he distinguished himself while serving as a Rifleman with Company B; and

WHEREAS, As a member of Unit 502nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, Corporal Frank R. Fratellenico began his tour in South Vietnam on May 5, 1970; and

WHEREAS, On August 19, 1970, Corporal Frank R. Fratellenico gave the

ultimate sacrifice; his heroic actions prevented death or serious injury to four of his comrades nearby, and inspired his unit which subsequently overran the enemy position; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Frank R. Fratellenico's conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary heroism, and intrepidity at the cost of his life, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him, his unit, and the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Individuals such as Corporal Frank R. Fratellenico 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; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved with great respect and reverent esteem, and, on behalf of all of the citizens of the Empire State, to renew its tribute to the men and women of New York State who so courageously served their State and Nation during the Vietnam War in defense of freedom and democracy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Corporal Frank R. Fratellenico 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 Corporal Frank R. Fratellenico.