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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Henry A. Marcelle 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 Henry A. Marcelle 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 on February 24, 2015, at the Saratoga County Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony; 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 4, 1924, in Mechanicville, New York, Henry A. Marcelle attended Mechanicville High School; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his youth, Henry A. Marcelle served as an Assistant Scoutmaster of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 34, and was employed by the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company; he was also a member of the Church of the Assumption; and

WHEREAS, Henry A. Marcelle began serving his country proudly as a member of the United States Army on March 11, 1943, as part of the 60th

Infantry; and

WHEREAS, This brave soldier endured the Battle of the Bulge, and his infantry was one of the first Regiments to cross the Rhine River pushing toward their final objectives of the war; and

WHEREAS, After being wounded for the third time, 21-year-old Henry A. Marcelle succumbed to his wounds, giving the ultimate sacrifice and died on March 12, 1945, in Belgium; and

WHEREAS, Subsequently, Henry A. Marcelle was awarded the esteemed Purple Heart with a Bronze Star for his exceptional military service; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; Henry A. Marcelle was one such soldier; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Henry A. Marcelle 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 Henry A. Marcelle 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 Henry A. Marcelle.