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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Glenn C. Wallace 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 Glenn C. Wallace 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 Monday, April 27, 2015, in Columbia County; 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 August 27, 1932, in Glens Falls, New York, Glenn C. Wallace graduated from St. Mary's Academy, and attended the College of the Holy Cross and Albany Business College earning an associate's degree; and

WHEREAS, Glenn C. Wallace began serving his country proudly as a member of the United States Navy on October 18, 1954, at the United States Naval Amphibious Base, Little Creek, Norfolk, Virginia; in 1956, he was honorably discharged with the rank of Yeoman Third Class after serving over a year of active service during the Cold War; and

WHEREAS, This brave soldier was awarded the Good Conduct Medal for his exceptional military service; and

WHEREAS, Upon returning home to Kinderhook, New York, Glenn C. Wallace worked and retired from the Travelers Insurance Company in 1989, after

many years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, After his retirement, Glenn C. Wallace served as Columbia County Republican Election Commissioner for 11 years, and Constituent Service Representative for Senator Saland; he also served as the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms for the New York State Senate, and ended his illustrious public service career serving as a Special Investigation Officer of the New York State Department of Insurance Fraud; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Glenn C. Wallace was a member of the Kinderhook's Elks Lodge 2530, Friends of Lindenwald, Kinderhook Town Council, John J. Curran Knights of Columbus, and Kinderhook Sportsmen Club; in addition, he faithfully supported the Boy Scouts of America and the Marion Stegmann Fund; and

WHEREAS, Glenn C. Wallace died on October 2, 2014, at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife of 57 years, Arlene, Glenn C. Wallace is survived by his two children, Linda and Mark, and three grandchildren; 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; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Glenn C. Wallace 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 Glenn C. Wallace 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 Glenn C. Wallace.