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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring George W. Sitser 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 George W. Sitser 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 resolution 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 April 4, 1925 to John and Josephine Sitser in Catskill, New York, George W. Sitser attended elementary school in Catskill and went on to graduate from Ockawamick Central School in Philmont, New York; and

WHEREAS, George Sitser began his military service as a member of the United States Army on September 27, 1943; he was assigned to the 349th Infantry, 88th Division in the European Theater of Operation; and

WHEREAS, Upon landing in Sicily on April 4, 1944, Private First Class George Sitser participated in three major campaigns in Italy: the Rome-

Arno, North Apennines and Po Valley; he was honorably discharged on November 15, 1945, at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Private First Class George Sitser was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, the World War II Victory Medal, European, African, Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with three Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Medal for his valiant military service; and

WHEREAS, On November 5, 1947, George Sitser married the former Adeline E. Cook of Red Hook, New York, at the Methodist Church in Philmont, and together they raised two children; he worked for the Atlas Cement Company until his retirement after 33 years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, George Sitser died on June 14, 2011, at the age of 86; he is survived by his two children, Linda and Robert, as well as six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which George W. Sitser displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, George W. Sitser 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 George W. Sitser 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 George W. Sitser.