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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ralph H. Shadic 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 Ralph H. Shadic 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 Columbia County Honor A Deceased Veteran Ceremony on August 24, 2015; 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 August 17, 1931, in Hudson, New York, Ralph H. Shadic was the son of Homer C. and Hilda E. (Shattuck) Shadic; he attended Roe Jan Central School in Hillsdale, New York, and, after graduating in 1950, worked as a truck driver for AC Bristol Corporation; and

WHEREAS, On February 19, 1953, Ralph H. Shadic began his service to his country as a member of the United States Army as a Private (E-1); following the completion of basic training, he was assigned to Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines where he helped monitor seismic activities

for underground testing of munitions around the world; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Ralph H. Shadic completed his active military career on January 31, 1955, at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, and was transferred to the Army Reserves where he was honorably discharged; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his outstanding service, Ralph H. Shadic attained the esteemed rank of Corporal and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon his re-entry into civilian life, Ralph H. Shadic returned to Columbia County and his job at AC Bristol Corporation; he soon began his own business, Shadic Builders, and worked as a carpenter and mason for 45 years until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Ralph H. Shadic married Joan M. Salvo in Brooklyn, New York, on September 8, 1956, and together, they were the proud parents of three wonderful children, Pal, Christine, and Brenda; and

WHEREAS, A vital part of his community, this remarkable man was a member of the Cadby Shutts VFW and Copake Fire Company No. 1; a Past-President and Life Member of Community Rescue Squad and the Roe Jan Young at Heart; a communicant of Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church; and a building inspector, Council member and on the Zoning Board of Appeals in Copake, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ralph H. Shadic died on June 16, 2014, at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Ralph H. Shadic 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 Ralph H. Shadic 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 Ralph H. Shadic.