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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring William Haggerty, Jr. 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 William Haggerty, Jr. 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 Rensselaer County Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony in January of 2016; 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, Affectionately known as Ned, William Haggerty, Jr. was born in Green Island, New York to the late William and Kathleen Crummy Haggerty; a graduate of Heatly High School, he grew up in Green Island, resided in Lansingburgh most of his life and had been a resident of Clifton Park for the last 20 years; and

WHEREAS, William Haggerty, Jr. honorably served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War; he was seriously wounded on July 4, 1953 on Pork Chop Hill, earning his second Purple

Heart and spending many months recovering in Japan; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return from the war, William Haggerty, Jr. worked as a special agent with Continental Insurance Company for many years before serving as a clerk at the Troy Post Office, retiring in the late 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Named 2004 Man of the Year at the Friends of 112th Street, William Haggerty, Jr. was a lifelong communicant of the former St. Joseph's Church in Green Island until its closing; he will always be remembered for his generosity, his sense of humor, his smile and his ability to make people laugh; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents and his beloved sister, M. Patricia Lamb (Jack), William Haggerty, Jr. is survived by his two children, William III (Karen) and Erin (Vincent); and four grandchildren, Sean, Heather, Bridgette and Brendan; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, William Haggerty, Jr. demonstrated his love for his country and merits forevermore the highest respect of his State and his 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 William Haggerty, Jr. 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 William Haggerty, Jr.