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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Stanton Burdick 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 Stanton Burdick 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 on February 8, 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, Stanton Burdick was born to Edward and Edna Vars Burdick on May 3, 1928, in Grafton, New York, and attended Berlin Central School; and

WHEREAS, On April 24, 1952, Stanton Burdick began serving his country as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Stanton Burdick earned several medals and accolades for his exceptional military service including the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with two bronze service stars, and an United

Nations Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon his separation from service on March 31, 1954, Stanton Burdick was employed with Perkins Tree Service, and Rifenburgh Construction; he then went on to hold the position of Frontend Mechanic at Hedley Cadillac and Oldsmobile, a title he held for 38 years until he retired in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Stanton Burdick was a vital, long-time member of the Grafton Volunteer Fire Department, the Odd Fellows Lodge, and VFW Post No. 6340; and

WHEREAS, When Stanton Burdick was not working he enjoyed spending time with his family, and cutting wood on his hill on Taconic Lake Road; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his loving wife of 50 years, the former Trevah E. Yerke, and his step-daughter, Cindy Gentner, Stanton Burdick is survived by two daughters, Rebecca L. (Erwin), and Victoria E. (Donna); one step-daughter, Wendy (Robert); six grandchildren, William (Genevia), Katie (Mark), Joseph (Erin), Mark (Amy), Heather (Chris), Abraham, and Richard; as well as 14 great-grandchildren, Haley, Jonathan, Christopher, Kimberly, Zach, Averil, Logan, Jakob, Madison, Joey, Emma, Christopher, William, and Stanton; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Stanton Burdick 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 Stanton Burdick 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 tran-

mitted to the family of Stanton Burdick.