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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Technical Sergeant Joseph Lemm 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 Joseph Lemm 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, A native of Nebraska Joseph Lemm began his career with the NYPD at the 48th Precinct; in January of 2014, he was promoted to the esteemed rank of Detective and began serving in the Bronx Warrant Squad; and

WHEREAS, Fondly known as Superman, Detective Joseph Lemm was an enthusiastic member of the NYPD; while off duty in December of 2005, he helped apprehend two of three teens he saw running from the scene of a stabbing, and was consequently nominated for a Post Liberty Medal; and

WHEREAS, Technical Sergeant Joseph Lemm was also a dedicated member of the 105th Security Forces Squadron, which is an element of the 105th Airlift Wing at Stewart Air National Guard Base at Newburgh, New York; this remarkable soldier was on his second deployment in Afghanistan when he was killed on Monday, December 21, 2015, at the age of 45, in a tragic incident outside Bagram Air Base; and

WHEREAS, In honor of Technical Sergeant Joseph Lemm's valiant service and ultimate sacrifice he made defending our great Nation, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo directed that flags on New York State government buildings be flown at half-staff on December 23, 2015; and

WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Technical Sergeant Joseph Lemm is survived by his loving wife, Christine, and two treasured children, Brooke and Ryan; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Technical Sergeant Joseph Lemm 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 Technical Sergeant Joseph Lemm 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 Joseph Lemm.