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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring David Walsh 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, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably in wars in which this country's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace in peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor David Walsh 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 presented at the Rensselaer County Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony on April 11, 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, Born on June 28, 1934, David Walsh proudly served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps with honor and distinction from February of 1952 to February of 1955; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service during the Korean War, Private David Walsh was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the UN Medal, Korean Service Medal with Bronze Star, and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation; and

WHEREAS, Following the completion of his military service, David Walsh married his wife, Marilyn, and together they were the proud parents of

five children, Deborah, Lori, David, Jr., Gregory and Gerald; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this distinguished veteran worked for the New York State Commission of Corrections, and enjoyed such hobbies as traveling, playing golf and spending time with family; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, David Walsh 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 David Walsh 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 David Walsh.