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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Captain Roger E. Moran 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 Captain Roger E. Moran 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 on Saturday, April 2, 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, Raised in Fort Hunter, New York, Roger E. Moran was born the middle son of Ruth and Frank Moran; he had five brothers and one sister, two of whom passed away at a young age; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Union College in Schenectady, Roger E. Moran enlisted as an aviation cadet in the United States Air Force in January of 1942; after training at various army airfields, he received his pilot's wings at Turner Airfield, in Albany, Georgia, on November 10, 1942; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, Captain Roger E. Moran served in the

Ferrying Command during the American Campaign, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign and the European-African Campaign delivering planes and fuel; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Captain Roger E. Moran flew on several dangerous missions from India over the Himalayan Mountains to China, delivering tens of thousands of gallons of fuel; and

WHEREAS, For his meritorious and valiant service, Captain Roger E. Moran was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign and the World War II Victory Medal; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his loving wife, Betty; his devoted children, Karen Louise (Jeffrey), Lawrence Roger (Theresa), the late Jeffrey Lewis (Janice), Timothy Mark (Vicki), Matthew Paul (Laureen), and the late David Michael; 10 treasured grandchildren, Tucker, Tyler, Carrie, Amy (Dan), Lisa (Scott), Michael (Betsy), Janee (Chad), Kylee, Aimee, and Christine (Adam); as well as five cherished great-grandchildren, Mia, Jeffrey, Kai, Jake and Hunter, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Captain Roger E. Moran 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 Captain Roger E. Moran upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an indi-

vidual by the New York State Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Captain Roger E. Moran.