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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Hugo J. Leone 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, 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; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend those who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Hugo J. Leone 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 on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at Saratoga County's Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony; 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 February 1, 1930, Hugo J. Leone served his country as a member of the United States Navy during the Korean War from 1948 through 1951; he was deployed as an Aircraft Engine Mechanic aboard the Aircraft Carrier, USS Princeton Korean Theater; and

WHEREAS, For his exceptional service, Hugo J. Leone earned the Korean Service Medal, with Service Star, and the Navy Occupation Service Medal, with Asia Clasp; and

WHEREAS, After his discharge, Hugo J. Leone worked for the Hudson Pulp and Paper Corporation in Corinth, New York, and as a part-time Patrol

Officer for the Hudson Falls Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Hugo J. Leone was a member of the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Company Inc. for 40 years, and a communicant of Notre Dame Visitation Church in Schuylerville, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Hugo J. Leone served on the Town of Northumberland Zoning Board from 1994 through 2015, and contributed to his community as a Northumberland Election Inspector from 1995 through 2015; and

WHEREAS, Hugo J. Leone died on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, Hugo J. Leone is survived by his beloved wife, Dorothy, of 62 years; his two sons, Michael and Peter; his daughter, Emilia; and four grandchildren, Steve, Tess, Sarah and Zachary; and

WHEREAS, Individuals such as Hugo J. Leone devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Hugo J. Leone 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 Hugo J. Leone.