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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John C. Cordato 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 John C. Cordato 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 Monday, April 25, 2016, at Columbia 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, John C. Cordato was born to John and Molly (deJoy) Cordato on October 12, 1932, in Hudson, New York, and attended the Hudson City School District; and

WHEREAS, Upon his mother's death, he enlisted in the United States Army; after his initial training, John C. Cordato served his country in Korea during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, John C. Cordato returned home and on July 1, 1956, he married the former Alice Platner; for the next 10 years, he worked for Lone Star

Cement Plant in Hudson, New York, where he and Alice raised their son John, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, In 1966, he enlisted in the United States Navy and was trained as an equipment operator with the Seabees; on January 9, 1970, EO2 John C. Cordato was honorably discharged from the Navy whereupon he enlisted a second time in the Army; and

WHEREAS, For the next 11 years, Staff Sergeant John C. Cordato worked with the Army Corps of Engineers traveling to and from the states and twice to the Republic of Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant John C. Cordato was the recipient of numerous awards and commendations for his proficiency and gallantry while in service to his country, including: Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, National Defense Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars, Presidential Unit Citation (Army), Presidential Unit Citation (Navy), Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), Vietnam Service Medal with 1 Silver and 1 Bronze Service Star, Army Good Conduct Medal with Silver 1 Loop, Army Achievement Medal, Expert Rifle Badge, Republic of Vietnam Engineer Badge, Army Commendation Medal and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his employment with Lone Star Cement Plant, John C. Cordato worked for Providence Hall and Columbia Greene Community College; and

WHEREAS, Giving back to the community where he both worked and lived, John C. Cordato was a member of the VFW, American Legion and Hudson Elks No. 787, as well as a 50 year member and Past Treasurer of Washington Hose; he was also a communicant of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Hudson, New York; and

WHEREAS, John C. Cordato died on February 28, 2011, at the age of 78, and is buried in Cedar Park Cemetery, Hudson, New York; and

WHEREAS, John C. Cordato is survived by his loving wife, Alice Corda-

to, his son, John Cordato, Jr., two grandchildren and five great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, John C. Cordato 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 John C. Cordato 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 John C. Cordato.