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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Howard David Dwy 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 Howard David Dwy 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 at the Columbia County Honor A Deceased Veteran Ceremony to be celebrated on Monday, May 23, 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 August 20, 1930, in New Milford, Connecticut, to Howard L. and Hope (White) Dwy, Howard David Dwy was raised in Ancram, New York; after graduating from Roeliff Jansen High School in Hillsdale, New York; in 1947, he worked as a bookkeeper for AC Bristol in Copake, New York; and

WHEREAS, On December 11, 1953, Howard David Dwy proudly enlisted in the United States Army, and trained at Fort Dix, New Jersey; he then received additional training for 10 weeks at an Ordinance School quali-

fying as an Ammo Supply Specialist; and

WHEREAS, Stationed in Columbia, South Carolina, Specialist Four Howard David Dwy was then assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 411th Engineers Brigade in France; on September 11, 1955, he was transferred to the Standby Reserves, where he remained until he was honorably discharged at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, on November 30, 1961; and

WHEREAS, For his meritorious service, Specialist Four Howard David Dwy was the recipient of the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, While in the reserves, Howard David Dwy earned his associate's degree from Westchester Community College, and his bachelor's degree at Empire State College; and

WHEREAS, On February 4, 1961, Howard David Dwy married the former Jane Pascoe in Scranton, Pennsylvania; together, they happily raised four children; and

WHEREAS, For 26 years, Howard David Dwy held the title of Business Manager at Taconic Hills Central School, a position from which he officially retired in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the community in which he lived and worked, Howard David Dwy was an active member of the Masonic Lodge No. 396, and was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a Shriner in the Kalurah Temple; in addition, he served as both a communicant and a board member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and was the Supervisor for the Town of Gallatin; and

WHEREAS, On February 11, 2000, Howard David Dwy died at the age of 69; he is survived by his loving wife, Jane; and his four beloved children, Kevin, Craig, Pamela (Reed) and Karen (Hathaway); as well as eight treasured grandchildren; and

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