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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ruth H. Leeson upon the occasion of her 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 Ruth H. Leeson upon the occasion of her 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 Rensselaer Honor-A-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, Ruth H. Leeson was born to Sanford C. and Pauline Reno Horton, in Albany, New York; she was raised in East Greenbush, New York, where she graduated from Columbia High School in 1941; and

WHEREAS, On November 24, 1943, Ruth H. Leeson proudly enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and headed to Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where she successfully completed Basic Training; she then went to Celestial Navigation Training in Atlanta, Georgia, and became a Link Trainer Instructor in Cherry Point, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, After her discharge from the United States Marine Corps on

November 23, 1945, Ruth H. Leeson returned to the United States and attended Nursing School; after graduation, she was employed as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in the Intensive Care Unit at Albany Medical Center, and later, at the Albany Stratton VA Medical Center; and WHEREAS, Dedicated to veterans' causes, Ruth H. Leeson is a vital member of the Melvin Roads American Legion Post and the Captain William Dale O'Brien Marine Corps League Detachment; in addition, she belongs to the Fort Crailo Daughters of American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her two wonderful children, Suzie and JB; her six treasured grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren; as well as her late husband, Edward R. Leeson, all of whom have felt privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited her patriotism both at home and abroad, Ruth H. Leeson demonstrated her love for her country and merits forevermore the highest respect of her 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 Ruth H. Leeson upon the occasion of her 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 Ruth H. Leeson.