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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Arthur Lucian Traver 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 Arthur Lucian Traver 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 Saratoga County Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony on Tuesday, July 19, 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 July 2, 1918, in Schuylerville, New York, Arthur Lucian Traver was the son of Humphrey H. and Mary Morehouse Traver; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Lucian Traver enlisted as a member of the United States Army on October 5, 1942, and proudly served his country during World War II as a Truck Driver Light 345; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Arthur Lucian Traver participated in campaigns in the Ardennes, Central Europe, Naples-Foggia, Normandy, the Rhineland (Germany) and Sicily; he returned to the United States where

he was honorably discharged on September 20, 1945; and
WHEREAS, In recognition of his outstanding service, Arthur Lucian Traver was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Distinguished Unit Badge, Good Conduct Medal, as well as the European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal with the Bronze Star Service Arrowhead for being on a glider mission in September of 1944; and
WHEREAS, Upon his re-entry into civilian life, Arthur Lucian Traver returned to his hometown and was united in marriage to Marie Hutchinson, on April 17, 1949; and
WHEREAS, For many years, Arthur Lucian Traver and his wife operated Art's Service Station, a service station and grocery store in Quaker Springs, New York; he also was employed by the Schuylerville Central School District as a Bus Driver for 25 years; and
WHEREAS, A vital part of his community, this remarkable man was a member of the Quaker Springs Fire Department, Quaker Springs United Methodist Church, Old Saratoga Post No. 278 American Legion in Schuylerville and the Saratoga Springs Veterans of Foreign Wars; and
WHEREAS, Arthur Lucian Traver died on Sunday, January 13, 2013, at the age of 94, leaving behind his wife of 63 years; and
WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; and
WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Arthur Lucian Traver 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 Arthur Lucian Traver 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 Arthur Lucian Traver.