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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Thomas J. Super 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 Thomas J. Super 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 on Monday, October 24, 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, Thomas J. Super was born to Michael and Nellie Super on September 13, 1923, in Hudson, New York; he attended Hudson Central School and worked as a riveter's helper in Schenectady; and

WHEREAS, Drafted into the United States Army on February 12, 1943, at Camp Upton, Thomas J. Super received additional training as a cannoneer; as number one gunner, he was assigned to the 155mm howitzer gun crew and was responsible for elevating the gun and attaching the firing pin; and

WHEREAS, On June 10, 1943, Private Thomas J. Super was assigned to the

Mediterranean Theater of Operations with the 36th Field Artillery Battalion; he valiantly served campaigns in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and Austria; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this brave soldier was involved in the battles of Central Europe, Naples, Foggia, Rhineland, Rome, Arno, Sicily and Southern France; and

WHEREAS, After two years and four months Private Thomas J. Super returned to the United States and was honorably discharged on October 13, 1945 at Fort Dix; and

WHEREAS, For his meritorious service to his country Private Thomas J. Super was awarded The European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal with a bronze arrowhead and six battle stars, as well as the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Thomas J. Super married Reubina Quick at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hudson, New York, and together they raised two sons; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to his community, Thomas J. Super was a member of the VFW, American Legion, Washington Hose, Hudson Fish and Game, and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Catholic Church; he worked as a truck driver and auto mechanic, retiring after 20 years with Schermann Trucking; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Super passed away on June 17, 1994; he was 70 years old; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife, Reubina, Thomas J. Super is survived by his two sons, Michael and Stephen, as well as two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Thomas J. Super 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 Thomas J. Super 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 Thomas J. Super.