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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Philip J. Minissale, Sr. 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 Philip J. Minissale, Sr. 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 Rensselaer County 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, Born on June 28, 1927 in Albany, New York, Philip J. Minissale, Sr. was the son of the late Tindaro and Carmela (Gregoli); he was educated at St. John's Elementary and High School in Albany, New York followed by Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, On May 16, 1945, Philip J. Minissale, Sr. proudly enlisted in the United States Navy and headed to Sampson Naval Training Center in

Geneva, New York, where he successfully completed his basic training; he then served his country with honor and distinction during World War II aboard the U.S.S. Montauk; and

WHEREAS, After his discharge on August 11, 1946, this valiant sailor re-enlisted for four more years serving as a V-6 Cox in the United States Naval Reserves; and

WHEREAS, During his time in the United States Navy, he received significant awards such as the America/Theater Medal, Victory Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of the war, Philip J. Minissale, Sr. started working for Sterling Winthrop in Rensselaer where he retired in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his profession, Philip J. Minissale, Sr. was the President of Local 61 (ICWU); in this capacity, he fought daily for safer working conditions and negotiated contracts with the company; he was greatly respected by the union members as well as his company; and

WHEREAS, Philip J. Minissale, Sr. married the former Agnes J. Marino on May 24, 1952, at St. Anthony's Church, Albany, New York, and together they raised three children; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community, Philip J. Minissale, Sr. was a member of the American Legion Joseph Ezeloga Post and the Colonie Elks; and

WHEREAS, Philip J. Minissale, Sr. died on Thursday, August 4, 2016, at the age of 89; predeceased by his sister-in law, he is survived by his wife, Agnes; one daughter, Cynthia M. (John, Sr.); two sons, Philip J. (Lorraine) and Theodore P. (Donna); six grand-children, John M. (Kelly), Anthony M. (Maria), Maria C. (Michael), Philip J. III (Allison), Theodore P. Jr. (Hannah), and Michelle M. (engaged to Nicholas Grant); and

two brothers, Frank (Ersilia) and Anthony as well as many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individ-

ual for the benefit of others which Philip J. Minissale, Sr. displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Philip J. Minissale, Sr. demonstrated his love for his country and merits forevermore the highest respect of his State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Our Nation's veterans deserved 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 Philip J. Minissale, Sr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as a 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 Philip J. Minissale, Sr.