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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Alexander G. Murphy 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 Alexander G. Murphy 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 Rensselaer County Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony on Monday, December 12, 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 17, 1918, to the late Edward J. Murphy and Ruth E. Cadmus Murphy, Alexander G. Murphy was a lifelong resident of Troy, New York; he graduated from Troy High School in 1936, and went on to earn a degree from Hudson Valley Community College; and

WHEREAS, A veteran of the United States Army and Army Air Force during World War II, Alexander G. Murphy proudly served with the 775th Squadron 463rd Group 5th Bombardment Wing - 15th USAAF at Celone Army Air Base near Foggia, Italy; a bombardier navigator, his plane was the lead crew,

flying in nearly 30 missions; and

WHEREAS, Achieving the rank of First Sergeant, Alexander G. Murphy earned the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII, the EAME Theater Ribbon with three Battle Stars, and the World War II Victory Medal for his exceptional service; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Alexander G. Murphy and his brother became co-owners of Murphy's Oil and Hardware and Edoral Reality; he was also the builder and owner of the Tamarac Plaza, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Active within his community, Alexander G. Murphy served as a Brunswick Town Councilman and was instrumental in the founding of the Brunswick VFW Post No. 831; he was also a member of the Brunswick Lodge of Elks, the Kiwanis Club, Eagle Mills Fire Department, Brittonkill Board of Education, and former President of the Brunswick Republican Club; and

WHEREAS, Alexander G. Murphy was an avid outdoorsman, spending at least one month a year camping in the Thousand Islands; in the late 1960s he took his love of the water, boating and fishing to his camp at Saratoga Lake where he spent as much time as possible in the summer; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Alexander G. Murphy enjoyed playing golf, horse racing, the Racino, and taking bus trips to Turning Stone and Mohegan Sun; and

WHEREAS, Alexander G. Murphy died Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at the age of 97; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his first wife, Elsie; his second wife, Rosemary "Midge"; a son, Alexander Jr.; two brothers, Edward and Joseph; and a niece, Paulette; Alexander G. Murphy is survived by two daughters, Holly and Alexis; step-children, Gail, Rosemary (Peter), Kathy (Philip),

Holly (Timothy) and Nancy (Ian); step-grandchildren, Jennifer, Eric (Dana), Matthew (Lisa), Joseph, Leah, Pamela (Christopher), Meredith (Paul), Melissa, Maureen (Matthew), Timothy (Erin), Kathleen (Joseph),

Patrick (Frances), Meagan (Nicholas) and Adam; 14 step-great-grandchildren; a niece, Beverly; and three nephews, Joseph Jr. (Deborah), Edward III and Edward Jr. (Barbara); and

WHEREAS, Individuals such as Alexander G. Murphy devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Alexander G. Murphy 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 Alexander G. Murphy.