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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Doris Noonan posthumously 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, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably in wars in which this country's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace in peacetime, deserve a special salute; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend those who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Doris Noonan posthumously 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 on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at Saratoga County's Honor Our Deceased Veteran Program; 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 April 3, 1921, in Mechanicville, New York, Doris Noonan graduated from Saratoga High School in 1939; continuing her education, she went on to graduate as a Registered Nurse in 1942 from Charles S. Wilson Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Doris Noonan entered into military service on April 1, 1943; she served her country as a member of the United States Army Nurse Corps, serving in Corsica, Sardinia, Italy, and Southern France; at the end of WWII she was assigned to the 170th Evac Hospital in Manila, Philippines; and

WHEREAS, Doris Noonan served as Charge Nurse for medical and surgical procedures as well as in research wards; in this capacity, she was responsible for personnel and general nursing procedures; in addition, she was part of the emergency surgery duty at the front lines in Po Valley Campaign; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her valiant service, Doris Noonan was the recipient of numerous awards including the American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic Pacific Theater Ribbon, European Theater Ribbon and the WWII Victory Medal; and

WHEREAS, After being honorably discharged on April 8, 1946, with the esteemed rank of 1st Lieutenant, Doris Noonan worked for 20 years as an OB/GYN nurse, teaching and mentoring many nurses at the Mary McClellan School of Nursing in Cambridge, New York, as well as the former Leonard Hospital in Troy, New York, until retiring in 1977; and

WHEREAS, A faithful member of St. Peters' Roman Catholic Church in Stillwater, New York, Doris Noonan served as a Eucharistic minister and belonged to the Rosary Society; she died on December 4, 2006, at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited her patriotism both at home and abroad, Doris Noonan 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 commend Doris Noonan posthumously 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 the family of Doris Noonan.