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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Charles Clayton Pratt Jr., 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 Charles Clayton Pratt Jr., 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

WHEREAS, The New York State Senate Liberty Medal was created in 2000, 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, Charles Clayton Pratt Jr. of Troy, New York, was born February 17, 1933, to Charles Clayton Pratt Sr. and Helen Ester (Coonradt) Pratt; he attended Troy public schools before enlisting with the United States Air Force in August 1955; and

WHEREAS, Charles Clayton Pratt Jr. served his country with honor and distinction, earning the Air Force Longevity Service Award and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon separating from his service in February 1972, Charles

Clayton Pratt Jr. worked at the Watervliet Arsenal, from which he eventually retired; and

WHEREAS, Charles Clayton Pratt Jr. was devoted to his family; he was married to the former Patricia Harriet Johnston, and was the proud father of Denise, Lori, Charles, Robin, David, Carol and Kelly; and

WHEREAS, Charles Clayton Pratt Jr., a lifetime member of Veterans of Lansingburgh, continually exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, He died May 27, 2012, and was buried at Saratoga National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Individuals such as Charles Clayton Pratt Jr. who devoted their lives to improving the quality of life for others, are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Charles Clayton Pratt Jr., 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 Charles Clayton Pratt Jr.