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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gordon Wayne Brown, 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 Gordon Wayne Brown, 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, Born in Lorraine, New York, on May 12, 1937, to Kellogg and Helen Ansted Brown, Gordon Wayne Brown was raised and educated in Adams Center, New York; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Wayne Brown served with honor and distinction in the United States Air Force from 1954 to 1958, doing active duty in Korea; he earned the National Defense Service Medal, as well as the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, After separating from service, Gordon Wayne Brown enrolled in SUNY Cortland and graduated in 1962 with a degree in education; and

WHEREAS, For the next several decades Gordon Wayne Brown dedicated his professional life to the education and uplift of youth as a teacher and principal in Lansingburgh, New York, beginning as a 6th grade teacher and assistant football coach, and then, in 1970 as principal of Whipple, Whipple Annex and Pleasantdale Schools, followed by his illustrious service as principal at Turnpike Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Wayne Brown continued to demonstrate his deep love for his country and community by engaging in numerous civic endeavors; he was very involved with Little League as treasurer, manager and independent league coach, became a charter member of the Lansingburgh Kiwanis in 1982, serving as its president from 1987 to 1988, was involved with formation of the Youth Soccer Program, was a vital member of the Lansingburgh Historical Society, and became very active in the American Red Cross, serving as a volunteer in New York City immediately following 9/11; and

WHEREAS, Individuals such as Gordon Wayne Brown, 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 Gordon Wayne Brown, 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 Gordon Wayne Brown.