

## 2013-J4015

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ralph C. Stacey 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 Ralph C. Stacey 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 established by a resolution in 2014 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, Prior to his service in World War II, Ralph C. Stacey volunteered with the Civil Defense Corporation, where amongst other duties, he contributed as a spotter for air raids in the towers of the Saratoga Springs Armory; and

WHEREAS, Ralph C. Stacey served his country as a member of the United States Army from November of 1945 to May of 1947 at Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he was a Clerk Typist and Administrative NCO; he also supervised and directed the work of two administrative sections, and was involved in thousands of soldiers being processed in and out of Fort Dix

New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, During his service, Ralph C. Stacey's brave efforts earned him the auspicious WWII Victory Medal, as well as the Meritorious Unit Plaque; and

WHEREAS, Upon separation from service, Ralph C. Stacey rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to Tarrant Manufacturing for 38 years, retiring as Purchasing Manager; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with Tarrant Manufacturing, Ralph C. Stacey delivered equipment to Worlds Fairs, and demonstrated the "City Slicker" truck mounted vacuum cleaner at the New York City Parade honoring the first Man on the Moon; he also holds the United States Patent for a flexible hose joint which is still used today on Tarrant's Leaf Vacuum; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his commitment with Tarrant Manufacturing, Ralph C. Stacey contributed his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors, including Boy Scouts of America Troop 10 as Assistant Scout Master, the Racing City Chorus as President, and the Northeast District as Vice President; and

WHEREAS, A life member of the American Legion, Ralph C. Stacey was a member of the SHS Booster Club for 20 years, and the first Sports Hall of Fame Committee, into which he inducted 13 local Olympians and athletes from the Saratoga, New York, area; he also is the founding member of the Stacey Family Youth Foundation; and

WHEREAS, He served as Secretary to both the Rising Sun Masonic Lodge No. 103, and Maple Ave No. 4 Volunteer Fire Department, where he was involved in the building of the first Tank Truck for the department; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor of the Town of Greenfield from 1990 to 1994, Ralph C. Stacey, along with the Town Board, helped develop the Porter Corners

Baseball Park, the Middle Grove Town Park, and the present Community Center; he also spearheaded the efforts to move and erect the D&H Caboose on Route 9N; and

WHEREAS, Individuals such as Ralph C. Stacey who are 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 Ralph C. Stacey 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 Ralph C. Stacey.