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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Frank R. Fratellenico 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 Frank R. Fratellenico 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, Corporal Frank R. Fratellenico entered service as a member of the United States Army in Albany, New York, distinguishing himself for his sacrifice as a rifleman during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, After his squad was pinned down by intense fire from an enemy attack, this brave man at great personal risk, advanced forward and used hand grenades to neutralize the first bunker of enemy soldiers he came upon; and

WHEREAS, While attacking the second bunker, Corporal Frank R. Fratellenico was struck by enemy fire, dropping a grenade he was prepared to

throw; alert to the imminent danger of his comrades, he fell on the grenade to protect them; and

WHEREAS, Frank R. Fratellenico's heroic actions prevented death or serious injury to his fellow soldiers and inspired them to victory that day; and

WHEREAS, The conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary heroism, and intrepidity at the cost of his life are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service, reflecting greatly on him, his unit, and the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Our Nation's fallen 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 honor Frank R. Fratellenico 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 Frank R. Fratellenico.