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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring James B. Mincher 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 James B. Mincher 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, Born on February 19, 1926, in Binghamton, New York, James B. Mincher was the son of the late Jay B. and Ida Bixen Mincher; he graduated in 1942 from Waterford High School; and

WHEREAS, James B. Mincher served his country as a member of the United States Army Air Corps from July of 1944 to June of 1946; he served as a Medical Aidman with the 13th Air Corps in the Western Pacific Theatre, and achieved the rank of Corporal; and

WHEREAS, James B. Mincher was the recipient of numerous medals and accolades for his exceptional service including: Army of Occupation

Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Medal; and

WHEREAS, After his discharge from the Army Air Corps, James B. Mincher was in the Minor League Baseball system of the St. Louis Cardinals in Frankfort, Illinois, and Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, from 1949 to 1950; and

WHEREAS, Three years later, James B. Mincher started working for the Boston and Maine Rail Road as a Brakeman in Mechanicville, New York, until retiring in 1988; and

WHEREAS, James B. Mincher was called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and always gave of himself unstintingly; he was a 70 year plus member of the Halfmoon Volunteer Fire Department, where he served as treasurer for more than 50 years; and

WHEREAS, In addition, James B. Mincher was a member and Past Commander of the Halfmoon American Legion Post No. 1450, as well as a retired member of the Little Spruce Hunting Club; and

WHEREAS, James B. Mincher passed away on February 4, 2013, at the age of 86; he is predeceased by his first wife, Shirley Johnson Mincher who died in 1958, his second wife, Kathleen C. Walsh Mincher who died in 2002, and his sister, Norma M. Phillips; and

WHEREAS, He is survived by his four children, Gary J. (Amy), Gregory J. (Sandra), David F. (Lenore), and Dianne M., and was the loving grandfather of five grandchildren, Kristine (Scott), Brian, Erica (Edward), Melissa, and Megan, as well as one great-grandchild, Hannah, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Today, one year after his death, the bravery and willingness of James B. Mincher to fight for the lives of his fellow human beings, continues to inspire, and is deserving of the highest honor by all defenders of freedom; and

WHEREAS, Individuals such as James B. Mincher 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 James B. Mincher 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 James B. Mincher.