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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lance Corporal Scott Albert Lynch 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, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so faithfully and courageously when our Nation's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace during peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, The dedication and sacrifices of our military personnel ensure our continued role as a Nation which embodies the ideals of democracy, and is a defender of liberty for peoples throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lance Corporal Scott Albert Lynch 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, In addition, Lance Corporal Scott Albert Lynch will be honored with the unveiling and dedication of a monument on Monday, May 26, 2014 at the American Legion Arthur Finnegan Post No. 1443 in Greenwood Lake, New York; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Scott Albert Lynch of Greenwood Lake, New York, died on Wednesday, October 6, 2010, at the age of 22, in action in Afghanistan while defending his country and our freedom; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Scott Albert Lynch served his country as a

member of the United States Marine Corps, and was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Born on April 20, 1988, Lance Corporal Scott Albert Lynch was the son of James J. and Tammy Reynolds Lynch; and

WHEREAS, Raised in the small Orange County community, Lance Corporal Scott Albert Lynch was a graduate of the George Baker High School in Tuxedo, New York, where he was involved in the Drama Club; following graduation, he worked as a mentor with students at his high school, and was a member of the American Legion in Greenwood Lake; in his youth, he was involved with the Greenwood Lake Little League; and

WHEREAS, An angelic man who was privileged to serve his country, Lance Corporal Scott Albert Lynch was a newlywed, insisting on marrying his sweetheart in May of 2010, just before leaving his Greenwood Lake home for combat mission in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his parents, Lance Corporal Scott Albert Lynch is survived by his wife, Tanya, and his two brothers, Jimmy and Jerry, all of whom feel privileged to have been a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Today, the bravery and willingness of Lance Corporal Scott Albert Lynch 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, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; and

WHEREAS, The freedoms and security we cherish as Americans come at a very high price for those serving in the military in times of conflict; it is fitting and proper that we who are the beneficiaries of those who

risk their lives, leaving their families behind, express our appreciation and eternal gratitude for their sacrifices and courageous acts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lance Corporal Scott Albert Lynch 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 Lance Corporal Scott Albert Lynch.