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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Winston I. Martindale, Jr. 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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend the caring concern and heroic acts of individuals who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, nobly risking their own lives in an effort to preserve the life of another; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Winston I. Martindale, Jr. 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, Winston I. Martindale, Jr. died on July 24, 2013, at the age of 40; he succumbed to complications he sustained in a rescue attempt at a 2011 plane crash in the Town of Wawayanda, New York; and

WHEREAS, Winston I. Martindale, Jr. was one of the first responding units to the crash involving two small planes that had collided; despite his injuries, he continued his efforts to free the two pilots from the wreckage; and

WHEREAS, For seven years, Winston I. Martindale, Jr. served with the New York State Police as a Trooper, and was assigned to the New Hampton

barracks; he also served his country as a member of the United States Army during Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, In addition to receiving a Liberty Medal, Winston I. Martindale, Jr.'s name was inscribed in the granite walls of the Police Officers' Memorial in Albany, New York, for his bravery and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Winston I. Martindale, Jr. is survived by his wife, Michelle, and their two children, as well as his parents, sister, and brother, 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 Winston I. Martindale, Jr. 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 Winston I. Martindale, Jr. 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; and

WHEREAS, Winston I. Martindale, Jr. through his spontaneous and heroic actions, demonstrated his character and his compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his actions, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of the State of New York who voluntarily respond when others are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Winston I. Martindale, Jr. 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 Winston I. Martindale, Jr.