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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Maung S. Htoo upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 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 Dr. Maung S. Htoo upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 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, Dr. Htoo has provided significant leadership and support for 25 years as the Director of the Dutchess County Science Fair; he initially served as a judge in 1980, and quickly rose to the position of Director; and

WHEREAS, Through his efforts, Dr. Htoo enhanced the value and popularity of the Science Fair with 160 awards and certificates with a significant monetary value presented to student winners by approximately 60 organizations in 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Dutchess County Science Fair is not only the first

regional science fair in New York State, but under Htoo's stewardship, it is now the longest running regional science fair in the United States affiliated with the International Science and Engineering Science Fair Organization; and

WHEREAS, As Director, Dr. Htoo oversees the Executive Committee which consists of the Director, the Treasurer, the Fund-raising Chairman and Publicist, as well as Site Arrangements, Site Operations, Registration, Judging, Award Processing and Information Processing; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Htoo's charismatic and hands-on leadership is arguably the most critical attribute of the Science Fair's success; he has volunteered approximately 350 hours each year or approximately 8,800 volunteer hours in the past 25 years, and is the longest serving Director of the Dutchess County Science Fair; and

WHEREAS, The success, growth and longevity of this program are a direct result of Dr. Htoo's energy, passion, commitment and drive; he injects his innovation, focus and unyielding energy into the program and to the many volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Individuals such as Dr. Maung S. Htoo, 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 Dr. Maung S. Htoo upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 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 Dr. Maung S. Htoo.