

## 2013-J5857

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John J. Goot 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 valiantly and honorably in wars in which this country's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace in 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 John J. Goot 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; he will be honored at a ceremony on Monday, July 7, 2014, at the American Legion Joseph E. Zaloga Post No. 1520, Albany, New York; 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, John J. Goot was born on December 21, 1921, in Cohoes, New York; and

WHEREAS, This distinguished veteran enlisted in the United States Army on November 25, 1939, and served his country honorably as an infantry rifleman and squad leader during World War II; he saw combat at numerous places throughout the Pacific Theater and was wounded in battle at Saipan Island on July 4, 1944; and

WHEREAS, After the war, John J. Goot re-enlisted in the army, achieving such esteemed ranks as First Sergeant, Supply Sergeant, and Master Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and medals, John J. Goot has been decorated with the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the American Defense Service Medal, and numerous other accolades for his outstanding service; and

WHEREAS, After his honorable discharge in 1962, John J. Goot was a devoted member of his community; he was a member of the Minerva Ridge runners, the Cohoes American Legion, St. Joseph's Men's Club, the Cohoes Sons of Poland, and Tibbet's Cadets; 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, Having exhibited their patriotism both at home and abroad, these men and women demonstrated their love for their country and merit forevermore, the highest respect of their State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Our Nation's 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 John J. Goot 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 John J. Goot.