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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Frank F. Froggatt 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 Frank F. Froggatt 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, to be celebrated on Monday, March 23, 2015, in Columbia County; 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 June 13, 1910, in England, Frank F. Froggatt was raised in Woodside, Long Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, In August of 1942, Frank F. Froggatt began serving his country proudly as a member of the United States Army during World War II as an Anti-Air Craft Gunner; he served with honor and distinction in the Ardennes, Central Europe, Normandy, Northern France, and the Rhineland; and

WHEREAS, In November of 1945, Frank F. Froggatt was honorably

discharged at Fort Dix, New Jersey, with the esteemed rank of Private First Class; this brave soldier received numerous award and accolades for his exceptional military service including the Purple Heart, American Service Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, After his military service, Frank F. Froggatt returned home and retired in 1975, before moving to Copake Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Frank F. Froggatt was a member of the Patrick F. Kelly VFW, serving as Commander twice; and

WHEREAS, Frank F. Froggatt died in February of 1982, at the age of 72, leaving behind his wife, the former Edith Hunter, two daughters, four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren; 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 his patriotism both at home and abroad, Frank F. Froggatt demonstrated his love for his country and merits forevermore, the highest respect of his 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 Frank F. Froggatt 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 Frank F. Froggatt.