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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dante J. Orsini Sr. 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 Dante J. Orsini Sr. 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 at the Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at the County Building in Ballston Spa, New York; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Senate Liberty Medal was established by resolution 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 May 29, 1920, in South Glens Falls, New York, Dante J. Orsini Sr. was a graduate of St. Mary's Academy, and studied accounting at LaSalle University; and

WHEREAS, In May of 1940, Dante J. Orsini Sr. began proudly serving his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Following the completion of his training, Dante J. Orsini Sr. was chosen to attend the Marine Corps Institute in Washington, D.C.

where he was chosen to serve with the White House and United States Capitol Honor and Security Guard; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Dante J. Orsini Sr. was on hand at Franklin Delano Roosevelt's fourth inauguration, and also accompanied the President on trips to Warm Springs, Georgia, as well as on many other notable and historic occasions; and

WHEREAS, In 1943, Dante J. Orsini Sr. achieved the esteemed rank of Sergeant Major, holding the distinction of being the youngest soldier to receive this rank at the time; he later surrendered a commission in the USMRC in order to return to active duty and serve alongside his fellow Marines in the 11th Battalion during the Battle of Okinawa; and

WHEREAS, Following the Japanese surrender, Dante J. Orsini Sr. was transferred to Beijing, China, to help defend the capitol from Communist forces; he was awarded the Order of the Cloud and Banner by Chiang Kai-Shek in recognition of his courageous actions; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of military service in February of 1946, Dante J. Orsini Sr. returned to South Glens Falls where he married his wife, Hazel, and became the proud father of four children; he also accepted a position at Scott Paper, where he worked his way up through several management positions before retiring after 32 years of distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, With a sense of civic responsibility, Dante J. Orsini Sr. held several elected positions in the Village of South Glens Falls, and served as a Staff Assistant to Congressman Gerald Solomon from 1983 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Dante J. Orsini Sr. was a member of such community organizations as the South Glens Falls Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Saratoga Economic Opportunity Council, Glens Falls Youth Center,

and the American Red Cross; he was also a Chair at the Glens Falls National Bank Board; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad,

Dante J. Orsini Sr. 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 Dante J. Orsini Sr. 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 Dante J. Orsini Sr.