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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kenneth Elmer Sheffer 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 Kenneth Elmer Sheffer 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 Columbia County Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony in November of 2015; 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 December 2, 1931, to Elmer and Gladys (Quick) Sheffer in Hudson, New York, Kenneth Elmer Sheffer graduated from Hudson High School in 1949, attended Ithaca College the following year, and served as a painter and apprentice electrician for Stanley Walker; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Elmer Sheffer enlisted in the United States Air Force on December 27, 1950; after his initial training, he attended Medical Field Service School and was trained as a medical technician; and

WHEREAS, Attaining the esteemed rank of Corporal, Kenneth Elmer Shef-

fer served as a Senior Clerk and Medical Technician at Luke Air Force Base in Phoenix, Arizona during the Korean War; he was honorably discharged on March 27, 1952; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his distinguished military service, Kenneth Elmer Sheffer returned home, met and married Rachel Borrelle on May 26, 1956, at Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Hudson; together they raised four beautiful children, Valerie, Paula, Gary and Kenneth; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth Elmer Sheffer gave 33 years of steadfast and dedicated service to IBM in Kingston, New York, where he worked as a manager, retiring in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Active within his community, Kenneth Elmer Sheffer was a member of Edmund's Hose Fire Company, as well as the Hudson Elks Lodge No. 787, where he served as House Committee Chairman; and

WHEREAS, A beloved husband, father and grandfather, Kenneth Elmer Sheffer died on October 12, 2007, while residing in Wynantskill, New York, at the age of 75; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Kenneth Elmer Sheffer 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 Kenneth Elmer Sheffer 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 Kenneth Elmer Sheffer.