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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Major Marisol M. Torres upon the occasion of her 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 Major Marisol M. Torres upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a 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 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, A native of the Bronx, New York, Marisol M. Torres enlisted in the United States Army in 1995 where she proudly served her country as an Information Systems Operator; and

WHEREAS, During her illustrious military career, Marisol M. Torres served on numerous important assignments, including her time as an Information Systems Operator at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with the 35th Signal Brigade (Airborne) and with the XVIII Airborne Corps Automations Management Office; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed soldier served as a Programmer for

the Enlisted Records and Evaluations Center at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, and a System and Database Administrator for the Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis at the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Marisol M. Torres earned her Bachelors of Science Degree in Computer Science from Mount Saint Mary College, and went on to attend Officer Candidate School (OCS) at Fort Benning, Georgia, where she received her commission into the Signal Corps in December of 2005; and

WHEREAS, After completing OCS, Major Marisol M. Torres completed the Signal Basic Officer Leadership Course and was assigned to the 67th Expeditionary Signal Battalion (ESB) at Fort Gordon, Georgia; she was later deployed to Iraq as a member of the Ready Battalion and served in a variety of positions, including Platoon Leader, Battalion S1, and Assistant S3; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, during her second deployment to Iraq, Major Marisol M. Torres was selected for command of the 16 Signal Company, 57th ESB of Fort Hood, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Major Marisol M. Torres completed a Master's Degree in Computer Science at the Naval Postgraduate School in June of 2014, where her research culminated in a thesis titled, "Information Collection Using Handheld Devices in Unreliable Networking Environments"; and

WHEREAS, Following graduation, Major Marisol M. Torres reported to the United States Military Academy, where she currently serves as a Cyber Officer and Instructor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and decorations for her outstanding service, Major Marisol M. Torres has been presented with the

Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (6 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Army Superior Unit Award, the Air Assault Badge, and the US Army and

French Parachutist Badges; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited her patriotism both at home and abroad, Major Marisol M. Torres has demonstrated her love for her country and merits forevermore the highest respect of her State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Our Nation's soldiers 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 Major Marisol M. Torres upon the occasion of her 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 Major Marisol M. Torres.