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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring William L. McBride 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 William L. McBride 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 Saratoga County Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Program on November 15, 2016; 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 7, 1950 in Troy, New York, William (Bill) L. McBride graduated from Shenendehowa High School in 1968; after graduation, he joined the United States Air Force on January 10, 1969; and

WHEREAS, Bill L. McBride proudly served his country as a Material Facilities Specialist with the 2951st Combat Logistics Support Squadron, where he helped to increase the military capabilities of its rapid area maintenance (RAM) and rapid area supply support (RASS) teams when they operated in combat areas or under combat conditions; in addition, he

served one year in Vietnam from 1970-1971; and

WHEREAS, For his exceptional military service, Bill L. McBride was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, and the Air Force Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon the separation of his service at the esteemed rank of Staff Sergeant on January 9, 1973, Bill L. McBride went on to serve in the New York National Guard and was stationed with the Stratton Air National Guard Base's 109th Airlift Wing in Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, Upon his official retirement after 31 years as Chief Master Sergeant in 2005, Bill L. McBride continued to serve his Nation and fellow soldiers as a member of the 109th Airlift Wing Alumni Association, and also managed Stratton Air National Guard Base's Non-commissioned Officers Club for many years; and

WHEREAS, This heroic and patriotic gentleman was a member of American Legion Post 91, where he held the positions of both Adjutant and Chaplain; he also served as the Saratoga County Commanders Adjutant, the 4th District Chaplain and the New York State Department Commanders Aide; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his local veteran community, Bill L. McBride was an integral part of his local VFW and was a 40-year participant of the Mechanicville-Stillwater Elks, where he held the title of Bar Chairman; as a devoted member of these fraternal organizations, he tirelessly worked on and often led many projects in support of veterans, active military, and his community as well as the local children and youth; and

WHEREAS, William L. McBride died on August 20, 2015 at the age of 65; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, William L. McBride 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 William L. McBride 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 William L. McBride.