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Senate Resolution No. 3075

BY: Senator KENNEDY

HONORING Nicholas Alan Warden 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, The courage and bravery of our military personnel since the United States Armed Forces commenced the War on Terror will ensure our continued role as a Nation which embodies the ideals of democracy, and as a defender of liberty for people throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably during the War on Terror, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Nicholas Alan Warden 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

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, It is with feelings of deepest regret that this Legislative Body mourns the untimely death of Nicholas A. Warden of Depew, New York, and pays tribute to his courageous actions as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, On Friday, July 7, 2017, at the age of 29, Nicholas A. Warden died valiantly fighting for his country and the worldwide war on terrorism; this devoted patriot leaves behind his cherished daughter, Nerea; and

WHEREAS, Since the young age of 13, Nicholas A. Warden knew he wanted to be a soldier; after graduating from Cleveland High School, he proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army for two tours in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Nicholas A. Warden was known for his sense of humor and admired for his discipline; a true soldier, he was always available to lend a helping hand wherever he was needed; and

WHEREAS, The banner of freedom will always wave over our beloved New York and all of America, the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave; 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, The freedoms and security we cherish as Americans come at a very high price for those serving in the military in times of conflict; it is fitting and proper that we who are the beneficiaries of those who

risk their lives, leaving their families behind, express our appreciation and eternal gratitude for their sacrifices and courageous acts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Nicholas Alan Warden 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 Nicholas Alan Warden.