

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lee A. Buck 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 Lee A. Buck 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; in addition, he is being honored posthumously at the Saratoga County Honor-A-Veteran Program on February 23, 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 September 22, 1947, in Little Falls, New York, Lee A. Buck joined the United States Army on April 4, 1967; he valiantly served in the Vietnam War as a light weapons infantryman, and while in Vietnam, he re-enlisted and became a helicopter repairman; and

WHEREAS, For his exceptional military service, Lee A. Buck earned the esteemed rank of Sergeant, and was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Expert Rifle Qualification Badge; and

WHEREAS, Upon his separation from the military on December 14, 1970, Lee A. Buck served the Town of Halfmoon Highway Department for more than three decades; he also served as the Highway Superintendent for six years; and

WHEREAS, Active within his community, Lee A. Buck was the past chief of the Clifton Park Fire Department, and served on the board of directors of the American Legion Post No. 1450; and

WHEREAS, Lee A. Buck passed away on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at the age of 68; he is survived by his mother, Rose Buck; his wife, JoAnn; a son, Steffen (Lindsay); three sisters, Sherri (John), Paula and Donna (Joey); and one brother, Richard (Carolyn); and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Lee A. Buck 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 Lee A. Buck 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 Lee A. Buck.