

BY: Senator MURPHY

HONORING Francis G. Hoare 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, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably in wars in which this country's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace in peace-time, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Francis G. Hoare upon the occasion of his designation as a 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, As an Officer in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG Corps), he has held positions of significant importance in Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan, earning a number of awards and medals including: the Bronze Star, Afghan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal and Meritorious Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Francis G. Hoare has held many positions of responsibility in service to the people of the State of New York, including: Counsel to the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, and General Counsel to the New York State Department of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, Francis G. Hoare has most recently ably and honorably served the people of the State of New York as the Deputy Secretary to the Governor for Legislative Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Francis G. Hoare is receiving this acknowledgement in recognition of his steadfast commitment to the people of the State of New York and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Francis G. Hoare has served the Nation with great distinction in various Active Duty and Reserve posts during a career which has spanned more than 25 years; most recently, he was the Deputy Counsel in the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, Francis G. Hoare, as the son of Irish immigrants, and

having grown up in Washington Heights, Manhattan, graduated from Cardinal Spellman High School in the Bronx, Albany State University and Albany Law School; a quintessential New Yorker, he truly embodies the best of New York's immigrant tradition and the American Dream; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional New Yorker has served on an array of Boards and volunteer positions in service to his community; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Francis G. Hoare, Lieutenant Colonel U.S. Army JAG Corps, upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the 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 Lieutenant Colonel Francis G. Hoare.