

**BY:** Senator TEDISCO

**HONORING** David A. Seelow 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,** 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 David A. Seelow 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 presented at the Saratoga County Honor a Deceased Veteran Ceremony on Tuesday, October 17, 2017; 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 February 10, 1960, in Amsterdam, New York, David A. Seelow attended Galway schools; and

**WHEREAS,** David A. Seelow entered into the United States Army on June 6, 1977; he proudly served his country as a Vulcan/FAAR System Mechanic with the HHB 3rd Battalion, 4th Air Defense Artillery Regiment in the 82nd Airborne Division stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** On June 22, 1978, David A. Seelow successfully completed the Airborne Course, and was subsequently, awarded the Parachute Badge; and

**WHEREAS,** David A. Seelow was also the recipient of the Army Commendation Medal for his selfless act of saving an individual from a motor vehicle accident; and

**WHEREAS,** After witnessing the crash on December 1, 1978, David A. Seelow and two other Army personnel helped lift the vehicle off of the trapped victim; even though the gas tank exploded, he removed the injured person from the burning car and immediately rendered first aid treatment; due to the courageous rescuers' actions, everyone in the fiery accident survived; and

**WHEREAS,** After his discharge from service, David A. Seelow was employed as a heavy equipment operator for various local contractors;

when he was not working, he enjoyed hunting and fishing in the great outdoors; 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,** Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, David A. Seelow 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 David A. Seelow 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 David A. Seelow.