

BY: Senator TEDISCO

HONORING Mark L. Wilde 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 peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Mark L. Wilde 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, December 19, 2017, at the County Building in Ballston Spa, New York; 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 June 23, 1950, in Amsterdam, New York, Mark L. Wilde graduated from Galway Central School in 1968; he then worked for General Electric before entering the service; and

WHEREAS, Mark L. Wilde entered into the United States Army on April 7, 1970; he proudly served his country as a member of the 101st Aviation Battalion, 101st Airborne Division as an Army Aircraft Repairman working mainly on helicopters; from October 14, 1970 to November 4, 1971, he was stationed in Vietnam during the war; and

WHEREAS, For his meritorious service, Mark L. Wilde was the recipient of the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Bronze Star Medal for his achievement in ground operations against hostile forces; and

WHEREAS, After his discharge from service on November 5, 1971, with the rank of SP4, Mark L. Wilde worked as both a carpenter and contractor for several companies; later, he owned and operated his own contracting/carpentry business for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his fellow veterans, Mark L. Wilde was an active member and Post Commander of American Legion Post 1461; in addition, he served as the Commander of the Guards in the yearly Galway Memorial Day Parade; 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, Mark L. Wilde 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 Mark L. Wilde 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 Mark L. Wilde.