

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING George A. Roods 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 commend George A. Roods 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 Schenectady County Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on Saturday, June 23, 2018, at the VFW Post 357 in Schenectady, 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, George A. Roods was born to Frank and Ida Roods on April 16, 1945, in Victory Mills, New York; he graduated from Saratoga High School in 1964; and

WHEREAS, George A. Roods proudly served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps with honor and distinction from January 12, 1966 until January 9, 1970; during this time, he successfully completed Parachute Riggers School and the Senior Supervisors Course; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service, George A. Roods was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Air Medal with 2 Gold Stars, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 1 Silver Star, Combat Action Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 Device, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation, and Combat Aircrew Insignia with 3 Bronze Star attachments; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, George A. Roods returned to New York and worked as a machinist for 39 years with General Electric Company; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his fellow veterans, George A. Roods is a member of Disabled American Veterans, both the American Legion and Legion

Riders, the USMC Combat Helicopter Association, the Iroquois Rod and Gun Club, and Patriot Guard Riders; and

WHEREAS, An avid outdoorsman, George A. Roods loves to fish and hike; he also enjoys motorcycles, traveling, history and target shooting; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Susan, their three children, and three grandchildren, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; 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, George A. Roods 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 commend George A. Roods 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 George A. Roods.