

BY: Senator TEDISCO

HONORING James Trainor 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 James Trainor 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 by the Saratoga County Honor-A-Veteran Program on March 21, 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, James Trainor was born on January 24, 1933, in Staten Island, New York, to Joseph and Anna (Conklin) Trainor; during World War II, he and his family moved to Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, A third generation American of Irish descent, James Trainor was a hard worker who sold fruit and vegetables from a pushcart, and was employed in the mailroom of General Motors in Manhattan while attending school; he was the first member of his family to finish high school; and

WHEREAS, After proudly graduating from Franklin K. Laine High School in 1951, James Trainor earned his associate degree in accounting from Brooklyn College; and

WHEREAS, James Trainor entered the United States Air Force on October 18, 1951, after his best friend Jimmy Anastasio was drafted; he proudly served his country as a member of the Military Police/Air Police with the 14th Air Base Squadron before serving in the Korean War where he was the Patrol Dog Handler of Bullet, a sentry dog; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service during the war, James Trainor was awarded the Korean Service Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, After his discharge on October 18, 1955, with the esteemed

rank of Airman 1st Class, James Trainor had a long career at GMAC; after 42 years of distinguished service, he officially retired as Director of International Operations in Detroit, Michigan, in 1992; and

WHEREAS, A sport enthusiast, James Trainor coached numerous teams in the Clifton Park Baseball League and the Babe Ruth World Series; one of his players became a NBA star, and another, a MLB great; and

WHEREAS, James Trainor was dedicated to serving his fellow veterans as a participant of both the VFW and the American Legion Post 1450; he was also a communicant of St. Edward the Confessor Church in Clifton Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, James Trainor died on Saturday, March 19, 2016, at the age of 83; predeceased by his sister, Catherine (Albert), and his two brothers, Joseph and Richard Trainor, he is survived by his wife of 60 years, Janet Trainor; two daughters, Kathleen Trainor and Maureen (Paul) Trainor; two sons, James P. (Eileen) Trainor and Timothy (Donna) Trainor; seven grandchildren, Colleen (Nick), Cory, Brian, Daniel, Kathryn, Zachary and Jennifer; and one sister-in-law, Sarah Trainor; as well as several nieces and nephews; 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, James Trainor demonstrated his love for his country and merits forever-more, 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 James Trainor 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 James Trainor.