

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING Helene Wallingford MS, RN upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate

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 commend Helene Wallingford upon the occasion of her designation as 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, Born in Long Beach, California, Helene Wallingford graduated from Adolfo Camarillo High School before proudly serving her country as a member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, For her courageous service during the Vietnam War, Helene Wallingford was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and Navy Commendation; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of her valiant military service, Helene Wallingford was employed as a Nurse at St. Peters Hospital and Saratoga Hospital; she went on to advise and educate many nursing students at Maria College and Excelsior College Nursing Programs; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her Community and profession, Helene Wallingford gave back to her fellow nurses in serving as past President of Sigma Theta Tau International; thereby supporting nurses' efforts to improve the health of the world's people; and

WHEREAS, With her throughout have been her husband, David, their four children, and their eight grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of her life and rejoice in her 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 risked their lives for their beloved Nation; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited her patriotism both at home and abroad,

Helene Wallingford demonstrated her love for her country and merits forevermore the highest respect of her 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 Helene Wallingford upon the occasion of her 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 Helene Wallingford.