

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING Sullivan Alois 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, 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 Sullivan Alois 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 to be held on Saturday, December 10, 2022, at St. Luke's Pastoral Center 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, Sullivan Alois was born on September 11, 1940, to Rose (Mullen) and Joseph H. Alois in Schenectady, New York, where he attended Schenectady City Schools; he earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Buffalo and his Master of Education degree from the University at Albany; and

WHEREAS, After his employment with the Buffalo City School District, Sullivan Alois proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army in the Dominican Republic and during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, As a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division in the Dominican Republic revolution during Operation Power Pack, Sullivan Alois was wounded in 1965, receiving his first Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, From February of 1968 to February of 1969, Sullivan Alois served in the Vietnam War, first with the 173rd Airborne Brigade, and after Special Forces Advanced Operations and Techniques Training, with the Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV); and

WHEREAS, As a MACV Mobile Advisory Team Leader, Captain Sullivan Alois was part of a special forces unit that lived with and trained a South Vietnamese rifle company; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the Purple Heart he received during the Dominican Republic revolution, Captain Sullivan Alois was awarded a second Purple Heart, the Combat Infantrymen's Badge, Air Medal for Valor, the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, New York State Cross for Conspicuous Service and Gallantry and the Vietnam Veterans'

Presidential Citation for Outstanding Community Service from President Jimmy Carter; he was also inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Sullivan Alois returned to his hometown and worked as a science teacher in the Schenectady City District and served as the principal at Schenectady High School, retiring in 2010 after more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan Alois was also a Program Manager for the Technical Institute of Military Studies for the Sperry Corporation in Saudi Arabia from 1980-1984; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to both his fellow veterans and community, Sullivan Alois is a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 357 and the Schenectady Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Sullivan Alois is a man of many interests and passions and enjoys working on his 1962 vintage Corvette, playing golf and staying fit, and researching historical and current events; above all, he loves spending time with his wife, Dianne; their three daughters, Katherine, Alyson (Gary) and Bridget (David); and their cherished granddaughter Finley Rose; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Sullivan Alois has 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 Sullivan Alois 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 Sullivan Alois.