

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING Nicholas A. Georgeadis 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, 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 esteemed Body; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Nicholas A. Georgeadis 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 celebrated at the Honor our Deceased Veterans Ceremony on Tuesday, November 21, 2023; 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 November 18, 1970 in Hartford, Connecticut, Nicholas A. Georgeadis graduated from South Windsor High School in 1989; after high school he played football at Westfield State University in Massachusetts, where he earned a bachelors degree in Criminal Justice and Political Science; and

WHEREAS, Entering the Massachusetts Army National Guard while in college, Nicholas A. Georgeadis trained as an Infantryman, and was assigned to A Company 1st/181st infantry Regiment; and

WHEREAS, While in the National Guard, Nicholas A. Georgeadis participated in a National Park Service drug surveillance and interdiction program at the Cape Cod National Sea Shore; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas A. Georgeadis attended Utility Helicopter Repair School, earning his Aircraft Crew Member Badge, and transferred to D Company 2/126th Aviation at Bradley ANG Base, Granby, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, After being honorably discharged on January 4, 2000, Nicholas A. Georgeadis started his police career in 1997; earning a myriad of awards for his service, he received 11 letters of commendation from his Troop Commander for various accomplishments, the 2003 Troop K Trooper of the year, two Superintendents commendations, one for responding to the World Trade Center Collapse for 13 weeks, and another for bravely pulling a man out of a vehicle before it exploded; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Nicholas A. Georgeadis was promoted to Investigator and assigned to the Special Investigation Unit, where he earned seven more letters of commendation; in 2012, he was awarded

Investigator of The Year, and in 2016 was promoted to Senior Investigator, assigned to the New York State Homeland Security as the Deputy Director of Counterterrorism; and

WHEREAS, In 2018, Nicholas A. Georgeadis retired after a long career of serving his community; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout was the love of his life, Amy, and their three children, Austin, Alexis, and Thomas, all of whom felt privileged to rejoice in all of his accomplishments in his life; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Nicholas A. Georgeadis volunteered as assistant coach for his son's football and basketball teams and was a 2022 Inductee into the South Windsor High School Hall of Fame; he also received the 2022 American Cancer Society Hero of Hope award; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas A. Georgeadis died on April 28, 2023, at the age of 52; 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, Nicholas A. Georgeadis 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 Nicholas A. Georgeadis 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 Nicholas A. Georgeadis.