

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING Arthur William Wilsey 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 Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Arthur William Wilsey 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 Saratoga County Honor our Deceased Veterans Ceremony on Tuesday, October 15, 2024; 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, Arthur William "Bill" Wilsey was born on September 8, 1925 in Gloversville, New York, to the late Arthur R. and Mildred Wilsey; he attended high school at Oxford Academy and spent much of his childhood on his grandfather's farm in Greenfield Center; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wilsey entered into the United States Army on December 9, 1943, and served with Company F 291st Infantry Regiment, 75th Infantry Division; he fought in the Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe campaigns, notably fighting in the Battle of the Bulge; he also participated in occupation duty in Germany following the German surrender; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service during World War II, Bill Wilsey was awarded the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the World War II Victory Medal; he was discharged at the rank of Private First Class on April 17, 1946; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Bill Wilsey attended SUNY Cobleskill, where he met his wife Joy, and together they had three children, Claudia, David, and Patricia; and

WHEREAS, Bill Wilsey enjoyed farming on his land where he managed his own chicken farm, and every Friday he would "peddle eggs" to regular homes and restaurant customers across the county; he also worked for the Saratoga Bottling Plant, and in 1965 he began working for the New York State Department of Transportation where he retired from in 1982; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his

community, Bill Wilsey was an active member of the Odd Fellows in Middle Grove and the Free Masons in Greenfield Center; and

WHEREAS, Arthur William Wilsey died on December 11, 2012, at the age of 87; 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 his patriotism both at home and abroad, Arthur William Wilsey 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 Arthur William Wilsey 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 Arthur William Wilsey.