

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING Robert D. Shave 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 peace-time, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Robert D. Shave 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 at the Schenectady County Honor A Veteran Program on Saturday, June 1, 2019, 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, Robert D. Shave was born to Anna (Dvorscak) and Edward L. Shave on November 3, 1946, in Niskayuna, New York; after graduating from Guilderland High School, he earned his associate's degree in Industrial Technology Management from Hudson Valley Community College while working full-time; and

WHEREAS, In January of 1966, Robert D. Shave entered the United States Army and proudly served his country for almost two years during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service, Robert D. Shave was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service on November 1, 1967, with the rank of Specialist 4, Robert D. Shave returned to the Capital District and married his wife, the former Nora Carter on September 21, 1968; together, they raised two daughters, Tammy and Lorraine; and

WHEREAS, Robert D. Shave held the title of Tool and Die Supervisor for the Watervliet Arsenal, and worked with his brother at Feuz Manufacturing, and with his daughter and son-in-law at JDJ Comfort Systems; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his fellow veterans, Robert D. Shave was a vital member of the American Legion Post 1002, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 88, and the Polish American Veterans of Schenectady; in

addition, he served as Commander of VFW Post 357, and County Commander of the Schenectady/Schoharie VFW; and

WHEREAS, When he was not working or helping someone, Robert D. Shave enjoyed spending time with his loving family, especially his six grandchildren, Andrew, Timothy, Robert, Jessica, Anna and Amanda; and three great-grandchildren, Jaedyn, Dylan and Caius; and

WHEREAS, A man of many interests and passions, Robert D. Shave took great pride in being able to fix anything, and could often be found restoring his 1948 Plymouth Special, making tools, or creating projects made of wood; and

WHEREAS, Robert D. Shave died on May 23, 2017, at the age of 70; 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, Robert D. Shave 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 Robert D. Shave 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 Robert D. Shave.