

BY: Senator JORDAN

COMMENDING Ronald A. Carlucci 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 Ronald A. Carlucci 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 Columbia County Honor a Deceased Veteran Ceremony on Monday, August 26, 2019; 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, Ronald Andrew Carlucci was born to Augusto and Sara (Gasparri) Carlucci on January 2, 1935, in Hudson, New York, where he graduated from high school in 1952; and

WHEREAS, Ronald A. Carlucci entered the United States Army on May 20, 1954; after basic training at Ft. Dix, New Jersey, he received eight weeks of training as a teletype operator at Fort Gordon, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Ronald A. Carlucci was assigned to duty in Japan in the Signal Corps, and after 17 months of overseas duty, he returned to the United States; and

WHEREAS, On May 3, 1956, Private First Class Ronald A. Carlucci was honorably discharged from active duty at Fort Dix and was transferred to the Army Reserves where he continued his service as a signal corpsman; and

WHEREAS, For his meritorious service, Private First Class Ronald A. Carlucci was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Ronald A. Carlucci returned to his hometown and married the former Florence Schmitt on February 21, 1960; together, they raised two children, James and Lynn; and

WHEREAS, For 25 years, Ronald A. Carlucci worked as a computer technician and field engineer for IBM in Kingston, New York, retiring in August of 1991; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Ronald A. Carlucci was a life member of the Washington Hose Fire Co. of Hudson, a 25-year member of the IBM Club, and belonged to the Jennings Willet American Legion Post in Germantown, New York; in addition, he served as a communicant of Holy Trinity/St. Mary's Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Ronald A. Carlucci died on September 15, 2014, in Germantown, at the age of 79, and was buried in Cedar Park Cemetery in Hudson, New York; he is survived by his wife of 54 years, Florence, his two children, and two grandchildren; 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, Ronald A. Carlucci 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 Ronald A. Carlucci 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 Ronald A. Carlucci.