

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING Private First Class Floyd Mabb 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 Private First Class Floyd Mabb 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

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, Floyd Mabb was born in New York on April 12, 1925, to Frederick and Elizabeth Mabb, one of seven children; and

WHEREAS, This courageous young man began his service to his country as a member of the United States Army on September 3, 1943, with the 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment, the 101st Airborne Division as a Private First Class; the 502nd played a critical role in holding allied lines in Belgium where essential supplies came through ports; and

WHEREAS, On January 3, 1945, Private First Class Floyd Mabb was killed in action in Belgium/Germany; this valiant soldier embodied all that is chronicled about the Greatest Generation, a generation that selflessly entered into service to save the world from darkness; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Floyd Mabb was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart to honor and thank him for giving the ultimate sacrifice; he was laid to rest in the American Cemetery in Luxembourg City, Luxembourg; 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, Private First Class Floyd Mabb 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 Private First Class Floyd Mabb 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 Private First Class Floyd Mabb.