

BY: Senator JORDAN

COMMENDING William J. Rentz, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as a 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 William J. Rentz, Jr. 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, William J. Rentz, Jr. was born on January 9, 1938, in Albany, New York, the son of William and Mary (Fitzmaurice) Rentz; he attended Columbia High School in East Greenbush, New York, graduating with the Class of 1955; he later attended Siena College for two years; and

WHEREAS, On December 8, 1960, William J. Rentz, Jr. enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served his country as a unit medic at the 364th General Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Upon completion of his military service on December 7, 1966, he was honorably discharged and began employment with the New York State Department of Labor where he was employed for 34 years, before retiring with the esteemed position of Manager of Technical Services in the Data Processing Department; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, William J. Rentz, Jr. known affectionately by friends and family as Bill, took an interest in golf, bowling, skiing, and carpentry as well as playing the drums and bugle for the Interstatesmen Drum and Bugle Core, the Crusaders and Grenadiers; and

WHEREAS, William J. Rentz, Jr. died on January 13, 2019, at the age of 81, and is buried at St. John's Cemetery in Schaghticoke, NY; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, William J. Rentz, Jr. 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 Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend William J. Rentz, Jr. 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 William J. Rentz, Jr.