

**BY:** Senator JORDAN

**COMMENDING** Charles E. Drew Sr. 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 Charles E. Drew Sr. 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 a Deceased Veteran Ceremony on Tuesday, February 18, 2020; 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,** Charles E. Drew Sr. was born on February 12, 1922, to John and Lillian (Wood) Drew in Schuylerville, New York; he proudly served his country during World War II as a member of the United States Army from October 15, 1940 until September 20, 1945; and

**WHEREAS,** Charles E. Drew Sr. and the former Nellie Wilcox were united in marriage and together they raised four sons and three daughters; and

**WHEREAS,** A retired employee of the Village of Schuylerville, Charles E. Drew Sr. was the former Superintendent of the Public Works Department; and

**WHEREAS,** With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Charles E. Drew Sr. was a member of Old Saratoga Post No. 278 of the American Legion in Schuylerville; in addition, he was past chief of the Schuyler Hose Company where he was an active member for nearly 50 years; and

**WHEREAS,** Charles E. Drew Sr. died on March 20, 1995, at the age of 73; and

**WHEREAS,** Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Charles E. Drew Sr. 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 Charles E. Drew Sr. 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 Charles E. Drew Sr.