

BY: Senator JORDAN

COMMENDING Nathan J. Snyder 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 Nathan J. Snyder 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 Rensselaer County Honor a Deceased Veteran Ceremony on Tuesday, October 13, 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, The son of Linda (Brett) Fryer and Timothy Snyder, and stepson of Nicole Cassino, Nathan James Snyder was born on February 20, 1995, in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Averill Park High School in 2013, Nathan J. Snyder enlisted in the United States Army and served his country as an infantryman in Afghanistan from January of 2015 until October of 2015; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service, Nathan J. Snyder was awarded the Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/Campaign Star, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Nato Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, and Air Assault Badge; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service on December 9, 2016, Nathan J. Snyder returned to his hometown and worked at the Troy Post Office, and was in the process of reenlisting in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, A fit, young man, Nathan J. Snyder could often be found outdoors, whether it was snowmobiling, snowboarding, hiking, or fishing; he also enjoyed spending time with his beloved family, especially his twin brother Nicholas (Morgan); brother, Noah T.; and two sisters, Kristyn (Gary) and Stephanie M. (Jeff); and

WHEREAS, Nathan J. Snyder died on October 20, 2018, at the age of 23; he was buried in the Sand Lake Union Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Nathan J. Snyder 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 Nathan J. Snyder 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 Nathan J. Snyder.