

Senate Resolution No. 3220

BY: Senator JORDAN

COMMENDING James H. Miner 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 James H. Miner 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 Monday, September 14, 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, James Howard Miner was born to Dorothy (Barber) and Charles Miner on April 6, 1940, in Ticonderoga, New York; after graduating from Hoosick Falls High School, he attended Hudson Valley Community College; and

WHEREAS, On September 23, 1963, James H. Miner enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served his country as a Specialist 4 E-4 during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service during the War, James H. Miner was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the Marksman Badge (Rifle M-1 and M-14); and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service on September 22, 1969, James H. Miner returned to his hometown and worked at Wood Flong Corporation, Haynes Ford, Morrison Chevrolet, and Independent Homes, Inc.; he was also the part owner of M&M Wine and Liquor Store and served as a special events bartender for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, James H. Miner, known as Dubby to his friends and family, was a treasured and important part of his community, serving as the President of the Hoosick Falls Kiwanis Club, Treasurer of the Hoosick Falls Little League, Golf and Handicap Chairman and Board member for the Hoosick Falls Country Club, and was actively involved with St. Stanislaus and the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, James H. Miner was also a devoted family man, and loved to spend time with his partner and best friend of 27 years, Gale E. Leva, and their combined family which consisted of six children, Brett

(Natalie), Jason (Ami), Cherie, Joseph, Charles, and Nicole (Martin); and 11 grandchildren, David, Zack, Chad, Timothy, Samantha, Madison, Asher, Elizabeth, Janessa, Alyssa and Silas; and

WHEREAS, James H. Miner died on April 11, 2017, at the age of 77; he was buried at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, James H. Miner 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 James H. Miner 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 James H. Miner.