

BY: Senator JORDAN

COMMENDING William John Satter 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 William John Satter 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; his family will be presented with this prestigious accolade at the Columbia County Honor a Veteran program on Monday, October 18, 2021; 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 John Satter was born to Eugene and Marie (Schaible) Satter on September 29, 1928, in Essex County, Newark, New Jersey, where he attended Wainwright High School; after graduating, he lived at 75 Demarsest Street in Newark, and worked as an auto mechanic; and

WHEREAS, William John Satter was inducted into the United States Army on January 23, 1951, and upon the completion of his basic training, he received training in the field artillery; although he had a great fear of heights, he completed jump school at Fort Benning, Georgia, and earned the coveted Silver Jump Wings of a paratrooper; and

WHEREAS, Assigned to the First Army, Technical Sergeant William John Satter proudly served his country with the AAA Battalion at Headquarters Battery 150 in Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he was responsible for maintaining the vehicles that transported field artillery; and

WHEREAS, For his exceptional service, Technical Sergeant William John Satter was awarded the National Defense Ribbon, and on January 22, 1953, he completed his military service at Indianatown Gap Military Reservation in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, On August 2, 1952, William John Satter married the former Veronica Frances McCormack, and together, they raised three children in their home at 64 Wakeman Avenue in Newark; and

WHEREAS, For 25 years, William John Satter served as an officer with the Newark Police Department, earning numerous citations of commendation for his steadfast and unremitting commitment to his profession and

community; and

WHEREAS, William John Satter then owned and operated Sattery Security for 15 years before retiring in 1996; and

WHEREAS, As a resident of Columbia County, William John Satter was a vital member of the American Legion in Philmont, New York; and

WHEREAS, William John Satter died on November 19, 2009, at the age of 80, and was survived by his three children, five grandchildren, and two great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, William John Satter truly 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 William John Satter 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 John Satter.