

**BY:** Senator TEDISCO

**COMMENDING** Garth D. Lloyd 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 Garth D. Lloyd 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,** Born in Rochester, New York, Garth D. Lloyd graduated from Rush-Henrietta High School before proudly serving his country as a member of the United States Army; and

**WHEREAS,** After completing his Basic Training at Fort Dix in 1969, Garth D. Lloyd was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam as an 11 Bravo, Infantryman; and

**WHEREAS,** This brave soldier was wounded in action on February 12, 1970 by a booby trap, evacuated to the United States, and medically discharged several months later as a Specialist 4; and

**WHEREAS,** For his courageous service during the Vietnam War, Garth D. Lloyd was awarded the Purple Heart, Air Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon the completion of his valiant military service, Garth D. Lloyd was employed as a manager at R & B Tire Company from 1979 to 1988; he went on to serve at the water treatment plant for the City of Saratoga Springs until his retirement in 2012; and

**WHEREAS,** With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Garth D. Lloyd began to volunteer at the Saratoga County Veterans Administration Mentor Program in 2013; he has also been a Docent at the New York State Military Museum for several years, and tirelessly volunteered his time at the museum with the Docent Advisory Committee and the Education Opportunity Program (EOP); and

**WHEREAS,** With him throughout has been his wife, Diane, their son and daughter-in-law, as well as three grandchildren, all of whom feel

privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; and

**WHEREAS,** Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who risked their lives for their beloved Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Garth D. Lloyd 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 Garth D. Lloyd 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 Garth D. Lloyd.