

Senate Resolution No. 1928

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING Bruce E. Abare 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, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished individuals whose lives exemplify courage, dedication, and service to their community, State, and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Bruce E. Abare posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the 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, Bruce E. Abare was born on May 16, 1951, in Glens Falls, New York, to Edward and Anna Abare, and graduated from South Glens Falls High School in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Demonstrating his deep sense of patriotism and commitment to his country, Bruce E. Abare entered the United States Air Force on February 24, 1971; and

WHEREAS, During his honorable military service from 1971 to 1978, Bruce E. Abare trained and served as an Airplane Maintenance Specialist, contributing his technical expertise and steadfast dedication to the operational readiness of critical military aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Bruce E. Abare was assigned to the 307th Organizational Maintenance Squadron (Strategic Air Command) and later to the 438th Military Airlift Wing, serving both at home and abroad, including deployment to Vietnam and assignment at U-Tapao Air Base in Thailand, where he reenlisted for a second tour of duty; and

WHEREAS, For his meritorious service, Bruce E. Abare was awarded numerous decorations, including the National Defense Service Medal, the Air Force Longevity Service Award, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Air Force Good Conduct Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; and

WHEREAS, Bruce E. Abare was honorably discharged on March 29, 1978, with the rank of Sergeant, having faithfully served his Nation with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Following his military service, Bruce E. Abare devoted

himself to his family and community; he was married to his beloved wife, Sandra, for 32 years, and together they raised five children; and

WHEREAS, A man of strong faith and community spirit, Bruce E. Abare was an active member of the Fortsville Methodist Church and worked diligently for the Town of Moreau in its Department of Public Works until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Bruce E. Abare found great joy in the outdoors, enjoying hunting, fishing, and camping, and was known for his dedication to family, his work ethic, and his quiet strength; and

WHEREAS, Bruce E. Abare died on January 29, 2023, leaving behind a legacy of service, integrity, and devotion to both his country and his community; 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, Bruce E. Abare 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 commemorate Bruce E. Abare posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of the 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 Bruce E. Abare.