Senate Resolution No. 2384

**BY:** Senator TEDISCO

**HONORING** Brigadier General Barry Hartman 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 Brigadier General Barry Hartman 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,** A decorated Vietnam veteran and distinguished battlefield commander, Brigadier General Barry Hartman devoted nearly half a century of his life to military service, demonstrating extraordinary leadership, valor, and dedication to his country; and

**WHEREAS,** Brigadier General Barry Hartman has been named the 2026 Veteran of the Year by the Friends of The New York State Military Museum and the Uncle Sam Chapter of the Association of the United States Army; he will receive the prestigious award during a ceremony being held on Saturday, November 7, 2026, at the New York State Military Museum and Veterans Research Center in Saratoga Springs, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Born and raised in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, Brigadier General Barry Hartman began his military career in 1958 as an enlisted soldier, subsequently graduating from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1964, whereupon he received his commission as a second lieutenant; and

**WHEREAS,** Following his commissioning, Brigadier General Barry Hartman was first stationed in West Germany, where he served in and commanded tank and armored cavalry units during two tours of duty from 1964 to 1966; and

**WHEREAS,** Brigadier General Barry Hartman served two combat tours in Vietnam, the first from 1967 to 1968 with the 2nd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, as a troop commander and air operations officer in the Central Highlands, and the second from 1972 to 1973 as operations officer and tactical operations center director for the First Regional Assistance Command in Hue and Danang; and

**WHEREAS,** In recognition of his outstanding leadership and valor in combat, Brigadier General Barry Hartman received numerous military decorations, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with "V"

device, Meritorious Service Medal, multiple Air Medal awards, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross; and

**WHEREAS,** Brigadier General Barry Hartman retired from the United States Army in 1992 after 31 years of service, having devoted more than three decades of his life to active-duty military service; and

**WHEREAS,** Demonstrating an enduring commitment to military service, Brigadier General Barry Hartman continued his distinguished career in the New York Guard, a state volunteer force which augments and supports the New York National Guard, for another 14 years; and

**WHEREAS,** During his tenure in the New York Guard, Brigadier General Barry Hartman held several key leadership positions, including commander of the 10th Brigade, deputy commander for operations, and commander of the Army Division; and

**WHEREAS,** Promoted to the rank of brigadier general in 1995, Brigadier General Barry Hartman subsequently served as deputy commander of the New York Guard before retiring in 2006; and

**WHEREAS,** Including his four years as a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point, Brigadier General Barry Hartman dedicated a remarkable total of 49 years in uniform in service to his country; and

**WHEREAS,** Beyond his distinguished military career, Brigadier General Barry Hartman continues to demonstrate his commitment to preserving and honoring New York's military heritage as a member of the Board of Trustees and secretary of the Friends of the New York State Military Museum; and

**WHEREAS,** The Friends of the New York State Military Museum, formed in 1991, is dedicated to preserving, expanding, and interpreting New York State's military history collection maintained by the New York State Military Museum, supporting the ongoing development and operation of this important institution; and

**WHEREAS,** The designation of Brigadier General Barry Hartman as the 2026 Veteran of the Year stands as a fitting tribute to a lifetime of exemplary military service, distinguished leadership, and continued dedication to honoring the sacrifices and achievements of those who have served our Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Brigadier General Barry Hartman resides in Clifton Park, Saratoga County, with his wife, Bridget, and is the proud father of two sons, Christopher and Alexander, is a grandfather of five, and a great-grandfather of one; 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 and gave their lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; and

**WHEREAS,** Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Brigadier General Barry Hartman demonstrated his love for his country

and merits forevermore the highest respect of his State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Brigadier General Barry Hartman 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 Brigadier General Barry Hartman.