

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING Leonard F. Porcaro 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; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Leonard F. Porcaro 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 Schenectady County Honor-A-Veteran ceremony on Saturday, February 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Leonard F. Porcaro was born on February 1, 1932, in Albany, New York; the son of Leonard and Mary Porcaro, and graduated from Schuyler High School in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, On August 8, 1952, Leonard F. Porcaro was drafted into the United States Army and proudly served his country as a member of the Army Artillery where he studied radio communication in the 9th Infantry Division Radio School before being assigned as a radio operator; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service, Leonard F. Porcaro was awarded the Army of Occupation Medal and the National Defense Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service on July 20, 1954, Leonard F. Porcaro was employed with Keeler's Restaurant of Albany, General Electric, and the United States Postal Service, the career from which he retired in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Leonard F. Porcaro belonged to American Legion Post No. 1005 where he served as Commander for more than 40 years; he also served as Commander of the American Legion of Schenectady County; and

WHEREAS, In his spare time, Leonard F. Porcaro enjoyed going hunting, fishing, and bowling, and enjoyed playing on the United States Postal Service Softball Team; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout his years of service and alongside him throughout his meaningful life had been his spouse, Anita Porcaro; brother, John; his son, James; daughters, Christine and Kathleen; along with eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Leonard F. Porcaro was predeceased by his parents, Leonard and Mary; brothers, Vincent and Frank; sisters, Marie, Virginia, and Caroline; and daughter, Mary; 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 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, Leonard F. Porcaro 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 Leonard F. Porcaro posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of a Liberty Medal on February 15, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Leonard F. Porcaro.