

**BY:** Senator HINCHEY

**COMMENDING** Andrew P. Doro 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 Andrew P. Doro 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

**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,** Andrew Peter Doro, affectionately known as Andy, was born on April 1, 1945, in the Bronx, New York, to the late Andrew Doro and Anna (Hornacek) Doro; and

**WHEREAS,** Andrew P. Doro courageously served his country as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army, beginning his military career in 1965, serving as Executive Officer of Basic Training at Fort Ord, California, and later being deployed to Vietnam in 1967, where he demonstrated exceptional leadership in combat, pacification, and intelligence operations; and

**WHEREAS,** During his service in Vietnam, Andrew P. Doro was wounded in battle and, despite his injuries, displayed immense bravery by exposing himself in close combat to save his men, embodying the highest ideals of duty, courage, and selflessness; and

**WHEREAS,** Andrew P. Doro spent over a year and a half recovering in an Army hospital, a period that ultimately led to a 100% disability, underscoring his unwavering commitment to his country and comrades; and

**WHEREAS,** For his heroic actions, Andrew P. Doro was awarded numerous prestigious citations, including the Silver Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Overseas Service Bar, and Marksmanship Medals, further exemplifying his bravery and dedication; and

**WHEREAS,** Following his honorable discharge from the military, Andrew P. Doro pursued higher education, earning advanced master's degrees in management, education, and psychology from St. John's University, and

dedicated himself to improving the lives of others through his work in the field of education; and

**WHEREAS**, Andrew P. Doro held various roles in education, including Psychologist, Vice Principal, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, and Executive Director of Special Education, where he demonstrated leadership and commitment to supporting students and educators; and

**WHEREAS**, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to supporting veterans, Andrew P. Doro served on the Board of Directors for a Veteran Outreach Center and working as a crisis intervention group counselor for veterans with PTSD; and

**WHEREAS**, Andrew P. Doro was the proud founder and CEO of Millbrook Support Services, Inc., a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB), which became the fastest-growing healthcare staffing company in the U.S. under his leadership, and now ranks as the number two SDVOSB by GovWin Deltek; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to his professional accomplishments, Andrew P. Doro was an avid racquetball player, a passionate winemaker, and a devoted member of his community, where he served on the Village of Millbrook's Zoning Board of Appeals, the American Legion in Stanfordville, New York, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) in Millbrook, New York, and the Millbrook Rod & Gun Club; and

**WHEREAS**, Andrew P. Doro was a beloved husband, cherished father, extraordinary grandfather, loving brother, uncle, friend, and fearless leader, but above all, he was a devout Catholic whose faith guided him through life's challenges and shaped his character as a man of integrity and compassion; and

**WHEREAS**, Andrew P. Doro died on April 11, 2024, his 42nd wedding anniversary, surrounded by his loving family, leaving behind a legacy of service, dedication, and compassion; he is survived by his devoted wife of 42 years, Katherine (Manzi) Doro; his son, Peter Felice Manzi Doro (Jennifer); two grandchildren, John Felice Manzi Doro and James Peter Manzi Doro; his sisters, Mary Ann Pugliese (William), Diane Hayes, and Alice Doro; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and countless friends, and is now reunited with his brother John P. Doro, his parents, and his fallen Army brothers; and

**WHEREAS**, The life and legacy of Andrew Peter Doro will be forever remembered and honored by all those who knew him, for his service to his country, his contributions to his community, and his enduring commitment to family, faith, and friendship; 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, Andrew P. Doro 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 Andrew P. Doro 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 Andrew P. Doro.