

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING Sanford I. Roth 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 esteemed Body; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Sanford I. Roth 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, Born on August 5, 1938 to Leon and Rachel Roth in Albany, New York, Sanford I. "Sandy" Roth graduated from Albany High School and Siena College; additionally, he earned his master's degree from Russell Sage College; and

WHEREAS, After college and ROTC, on May 28, 1962, Sanford I. Roth enlisted in the United States Army; he was commissioned as a Field Artillery Officer and assigned to Baumholder, Germany, with the Headquarters Battery of the 1st Battalion, 2nd Field Artillery Regiment; and

WHEREAS, For his three years of valiant service in Germany, Sanford I. Roth was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal; on September 7, 1965, he was discharged at the esteemed rank of 1st Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, Sanford I. Roth married the love of his life, Carole, on August 3, 1962, and the couple were blessed with four children; he was employed as VFO by St. Peter's Hospital in Albany and retired from Bellevue Women's Hospital as Vice President of Finance; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Clifton Park, New York, Sanford I. Roth was elected to the Clifton Park Town Board and served as a Town Councilman from 1992-2009; he was instrumental in establishing the Town's Hazardous Waste Day; in 2009, he received the Key to the Town of Clifton Park for his service to the community; and

WHEREAS, From 2010 until his death, Sanford I. Roth was Assistant to the Town Supervisor, serving on various boards and committees, including the Highway Department, Environmental Conservation Commission (ECC),

Youth Court, and EMS; he was also a member of the Ballston Lake Emergency Squad; and

WHEREAS, Sanford I. Roth was active in the Clifton Park Elks, BPOE No. 2466, and was named Elk of the Year, Officer of the Year, and Inner Guard of the Lodge; and

WHEREAS, Sanford I. Roth died on January 11, 2020, at the age of 81; all who count themselves fortunate to have shared their lives with him will deeply miss this beloved veteran; 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 to those who risked their lives for their beloved Nation; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Sanford I. Roth 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 Sanford I. Roth 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 Sanford I. Roth.