

Senate Resolution No. 2218

BY: Senator PERSAUD

HONORING Sergeant Raymond Owen Bloomfield 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 incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

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 peace-time, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sergeant Raymond Owen Bloomfield 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 in Jamaica, West Indies, Raymond Owen Bloomfield and his parents migrated to Harlem, New York, where he attended Chelsea Vocational High School; and

WHEREAS, Raymond Owen Bloomfield proudly served his country as a Support Platoon Leader with the Transportation Battalion and several other units of the United States Army during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service during the Vietnam War, Raymond Owen Bloomfield was awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation and Army Service Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, After several years of civilian life, Raymond Owen Bloomfield reenlisted in the United States Army Reserve in March of 1980; as a Reservist, he was called to the Gulf War - Saudia Arabia from January of 1991 to June of 1991; upon his return, he continued his service until his retirement in 2010; and

WHEREAS, Upon retirement from the United States Army after 20 years of dedicated service, Raymond Owen Bloomfield received the Meritorious Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Helen Bazzey; their two children, Andrea and Brandon; and four grandchildren, Alexis, Synia, Dylan and Ebony, who have all shown him love and support and rejoice in

his many achievements; 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, Raymond Owen Bloomfield 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 honor Sergeant Raymond Owen Bloomfield 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 Sergeant Raymond Owen Bloomfield.