

BY: Senator MARCHIONE

HONORING New York State's World War II veterans
for their bravery in service to their country

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, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend those who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, World War II (1939-1945) was the most widespread, destructive, and consequential conflict in history; in many ways it was the first modern war, in which airpower played a vital role both on land and at sea, however, many actions were ultimately won by the determination and grit of the foot soldier; and

WHEREAS, The attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 brought the United States into the War, and New York became the principal port of embarkation for the warfront; the presence of troops, the inflow of refugees, the wartime industries, the dispatch of fleets, and the dissemination of news and propaganda from media outlets, changed New York; and

WHEREAS, As the largest state, New York supplied the most resources during World War II, manufacturing 11% of total United States military armaments produced during the War, and suffered 31,215 casualties; and

WHEREAS, The meritorious soldiers from New York State fought in all of the important battles during the War including Iwo Jima, Coral Sea, Midway, Guadalcanal, Monte Cassino, Normandy, the Bulge, Okinawa, and many others; 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 their patriotism both at home and abroad, these men and women demonstrated their love for their country and merit forevermore, the highest respect of their 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 New York State's World War II veterans for their bravery in service to their country.