

Senate Resolution No. 228

BY: Senator MARCHIONE

HONORING Michael E. Jacon 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michael E. Jacon 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, 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 peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; 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 April 7, 1949, Michael E. Jacon proudly served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps with honor and distinction from April of 1968 to March of 1970; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service during the Korean War, Lance Corporal Michael E. Jacon was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 Device, Combat Action Ribbon, and the Presidential Unit Citation; and

WHEREAS, Following the completion of his military service, Michael E. Jacon worked for over 40 years as a truck driver at Sysco, and ARG Trucking in Rensselaer, New York; and

WHEREAS, He is survived by his loving wife of 9 years, Tara L. (McCarthy) Jacon and his two children, Jennifer C. and Michael R.; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his community, this distinguished veteran was a life member of the DAV, 1st Vice Commander of the American Legion E.T. Ruane Post in Cohoes, and a member of the Cohoes Veterans Memorial Committee; Michael E. Jacon also belonged to the Polish American Association and was recognized as the 2009 Driver of the Year by the New York State Motor Truck Association; 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, Michael E. Jacon 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 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 Michael E. Jacon 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 Michael E. Jacon.