

Senate Resolution No. 3105

BY: Senator TEDISCO

HONORING Warren C. Saunders, Jr. 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, 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Warren C. Saunders, Jr. 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, to be presented at the Saratoga County Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, in Ballston Spa, New York; 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 1, 1925 in Corinth, New York, Warren C. Saunders, Jr. graduated from Corinth Central School in 1943; and

WHEREAS, Warren C. Saunders, Jr. entered the United States Army on July 19, 1943, and valiantly served in the European Theater from March 11, 1944 to August 14, 1945, with the 739th Military Police Battalion; as a Military Policeman with the 3rd Division, he was primarily responsible for guarding POW's; and

WHEREAS, This brave soldier was discharged on February 8, 1946, at the esteemed rank of Private 1st Class; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service during the Second World War, Warren C. Saunders, Jr. was awarded the WWII Victory Medal, Meritorious Unit Award, European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Warren C. Saunders, Jr. worked for International Paper Company and managed a local store for Standard Furniture; and

WHEREAS, Warren C. Saunders, Jr. was appointed Deputy Saratoga County Treasurer in 1968, a position he held for 12 years; he was then elected Saratoga County Treasurer, where he served until his retirement

in 1983; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Warren C. Saunders, Jr. served as Corinth Village Clerk for 24 years; after his retirement from Saratoga County, he associated with the Densmore Funeral Home for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to his community, Warren C. Saunders, Jr. was an active member of many organizations, including Corinth Emergency Squad, New York State Ambulance Association, Boy and Girl Scouts, PTA, Rotary International, CDA Minstrels, Corinth Theatre Guild, VFW and the Horace D. Washburn American Legion Post No. 533; furthermore, he served as a Village Chairman for more than two decades; 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, Warren C. Saunders, Jr. 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 Warren C. Saunders, Jr. 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 Warren C. Saunders, Jr.