

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING Raymond W. Warlikowski, Jr.
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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 Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Raymond W. Warlikowski, 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 celebrated with the Schenectady County Honor A Veteran Program on Saturday, May 4, 2019, at St. Luke's Pastoral Center in Schenectady, 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, Raymond W. Warlikowski, Jr. was born to Jean (Kirschenheiter) and Raymond W. Warlikowski, Sr. on June 6, 1975, in Port Jefferson, New York; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Schuylerville High School, Raymond W. Warlikowski, Jr. enlisted in the United State Army on January 26, 1994, and proudly served his country abroad for the next decade; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service, Raymond W. Warlikowski, Jr. was awarded five Army Commendation Medals, eight Army Achievement Medals, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Valorous Unit Award, six Army Good Conduct Medals, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, four Iraq Campaign Medals with Campaign Stars, two Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbons, Army Service Ribbon, four Overseas Service Ribbons, Kosovo Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star, NATO Medal, Combat Action Badge, and Air Assault Badge; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service on January 30, 2014, with the rank of Sergeant, Raymond W. Warlikowski, Jr. moved to Florida where he was employed by AT&T; devoted to his fellow veterans, he was a member of the local VFW; and

WHEREAS, When he was not working, Raymond W. Warlikowski, Jr. enjoyed spending time with his beloved daughter, Emma, and watching sports, especially NASCAR and football; and

WHEREAS, Raymond W. Warlikowski, Jr. died on August 28, 2016, at the age of 41; 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 W. Warlikowski, 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 commend Raymond W. Warlikowski, 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 Raymond W. Warlikowski, Jr.