

Senate Resolution No. 551

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING Harold E. Shaw 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, 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; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Harold E. Shaw 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 at the Saratoga County Honor a Veteran Program on Tuesday, February 26, 2019; 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, Harold E. Shaw was born on January 22, 1916, in Hadley, New York; he attended Hadley-Luzerne High School, graduating with the Class of 1933; and

WHEREAS, On April 9, 1941, Harold E. Shaw enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served as a Code Clerk with the HQ Co. 28th Infantry; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service during World War II, Harold E. Shaw was awarded the American Defense Service Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Campaign Ribbon, 3 Overseas Bars, Good Conduct Medal, and 4 Bronze Stars for his involvement with campaigns in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service on September 27, 1945, at the rank of Staff Sergeant, Harold E. Shaw worked in Construction and as a Truck Driver; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Harold E. Shaw was a past commander of the Hadley VFW Post No. 5836; and

WHEREAS, Harold E. Shaw died on May 31, 1991, at the age of 75; 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, Harold E. Shaw 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 Harold E. Shaw 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 Harold E. Shaw.