

Senate Resolution No. 553

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING Edward N. 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 Edward N. 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, Edward N. Shaw was born on December 13, 1913, in Hadley, New York; he attended Hadley-Luzerne High School, graduating with the Class of 1932; and

WHEREAS, On May 14, 1942, Edward N. Shaw enlisted in the United States Army and trained with Company C 26th Infantry Training Battalion before proudly serving his country as a member of the Wire Section of the Headquarters Company Infantry Regiment; and

WHEREAS, This brave soldier served in Normandy, Northern France and Rhineland; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service during World War II, Edward N. Shaw was awarded the Purple Heart, Distinguished Unit Badge, European African Ribbon, Overseas Bars (4), Expert Infantry Badge Good Conduct Ribbon, Oak Leaf Cluster, and Ribbon with 3 battle stars; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service on September 22, 1945, at the rank of Private First Class, Edward N. Shaw graduated from Veterans Vocational School of Troy in 1947, with an Electrical Construction and Maintenance 1 degree; and

WHEREAS, Edward N. Shaw worked as an electrician at Eggelston's Hardware in Lake Luzerne until 1964; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Edward N. Shaw was a member of the Hadley VFW Post No. 5836; and

WHEREAS, Edward N. Shaw died on February 25, 1970, at the age of 56;

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, Edward N. 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 Edward N. 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 Edward N. Shaw.