

Senate Resolution No. 1044

**BY:** Senator RATH

**MOURNING** the death of John L. Mosher, meritorious veteran, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of John L. Mosher, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS,** John L. Mosher of Clarence Center, New York, died on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at the age of 94; and

**WHEREAS,** After being drafted in March of 1945, John L. Mosher completed basic training in Blanding, Florida; from there, he sailed to Italy, where he proudly served his country as a rifleman and mortar gunner in Company H of the 88th Division of the 350th Infantry of the United States Army during World War II; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon the completion of the war, John L. Mosher served in Tarcento, Italy as a peacekeeper on the Yugoslavian border until his discharge in December of 1946 with the rank of Private 1st Class; and

**WHEREAS,** In recognition of his devoted service to our Nation, Private John L. Mosher received the Army Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Theater Ribbon, European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon and World War II Victory Ribbon; in 2015, he was inducted into the New York State Veteran's Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS,** John L. Mosher distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community as a dairy farmer and a real estate broker/owner of the Mosher Agency; and

**WHEREAS,** John L. Mosher's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

**WHEREAS,** For most of his life, John L. Mosher was an active and vital member of his Clarence Center community; he held the title of President of St. John's Lutheran Home for Children from 1976-1986, served as a trustee with Niagara Lutheran Health Systems, and was the former Commander of American Legion Post No. 838 of which he was a member since 1972; every year, he participated in both the Clarence Memorial Day Parade and Clarence Center Firemen's Labor Day Parade; and

**WHEREAS,** For his steadfast and unremitting commitment to his

community and fellow veterans, John L. Mosher was the recipient of the 2020 Clarence Chamber Lifetime Achievement Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Predeceased by his loving wife, the former Althea Gillmeister, John L. Mosher is survived by two daughters, Linda Mosher and Carol (Gary) Schwertz; one son, David (Laura); six grandchildren, John (Kesorn), Kristina (Michael), Michael, Rebecca (David), Katie (Daniel), and Rachel (Robert); and two great-grandchildren, Nawin and Tyler, as well as many nieces and nephews; and

**WHEREAS**, John L. Mosher will be fondly remembered by family, friends and fellow soldiers for his compassion, leadership, selflessness and courage; he truly lived by his motto, "God put us here to help others"; and

**WHEREAS**, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, John L. Mosher leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of John L. Mosher, meritorious veteran, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of John L. Mosher.