

Senate Resolution No. 1301

BY: Senator JORDAN

COMMENDING Captain William Allendorph 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 from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Captain William Allendorph 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

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, William Allendorph proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1971; and

WHEREAS, In Vietnam, this brave soldier was detailed to Quang Tin Province in the 1 Corps Tactical Zone where he served as Mobile Advisory Team Leader and was promoted to 1st Lieutenant in 1969; in this capacity, he was instrumental in assisting the Vietnamese Regional and Popular Forces in military operations against the enemy; and

WHEREAS, One of the most gratifying missions Lieutenant William Allendorph commanded in Vietnam was the rescue of an imprisoned U.S. Army Soldier, Specialist 4 Larry D. Aiken, who was the only imprisoned soldier to be forcibly returned to friendly control during the war; and

WHEREAS, Following his tour in Vietnam, Lieutenant William Allendorph was promoted to the esteemed position of Captain and assigned to the John J. Kennedy Special Warfare School where he completed training as a Special Forces Officer and received the Green Beret; and

WHEREAS, Captain William Allendorph was then assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces, as a B and C Team Leader; and

WHEREAS, For his heroic service, bravery in combat and outstanding leadership abilities, Captain William Allendorph received many military awards, honors and commendations, including 3 Bronze Stars; Army Commendation Medal; Combat Infantry Badge; U.S. Army Parachutist Badge; National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Service Medal; Good Conduct Medal; New York State Conspicuous Service Medal; and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Captain William Allendorph was inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame during a public ceremony held in Albany, New York, in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Captain William Allendorph 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 Captain William Allendorph 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 Captain William Allendorph.