

Senate Resolution No. 1309

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Joseph J. Donohue posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor A Veteran Ceremony on October 4, 2021

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 honor Joseph J. Donohue posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor A Veteran Ceremony on Monday, October 4, 2021, at the American Legion Joseph E. Zaloga Post No. 1520, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1993, a committee was formed by the Albany County Veterans Bureau known as the Albany County Honor A Veteran Committee; the committee was formed to honor a deceased Albany County veteran, who has served his country in time of conflict; the Honor A Veteran Program takes place monthly on the first Monday of each month; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous and dedicated service to his country, Joseph J. Donohue will be recognized at this year's October Honor A Veteran Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Born on December 3, 1934 in Albany, New York, Joseph J. Donohue served his country with honor and distinction as a United States Army Sergeant with Company D 1st Airborne 50th Infantry in Germany from January of 1955 to October of 1957, during which time he attained the Army Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Joseph J. Donohue returned home to marry his high school sweetheart, the former Patricia Toolan; he went on to study finance at Siena College and had a successful career at both Merrill Lynch and Prudential Bache Securities; and

WHEREAS, Joseph J. Donohue was a loving father to seven children who was known for his expertise in the history of the Civil War and the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Joseph J. Donohue was active with Christ the King Church in Guilderland, Schoolcraft Historical Preservation Society and the Guilderland Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this extraordinary man was inducted into the Bishop Maginn Alumni Association Catholic Hall of Fame in 2001; 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 their patriotism both at home and abroad, these men and women demonstrated their love for their country and merit forevermore, the highest respect of their 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 honor Joseph J. Donohue posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor A Veteran Ceremony; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Joseph J. Donohue.