

**BY:** Senator JORDAN

**COMMENDING** Joseph M. Spairana 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 from this Legislative Body; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Joseph M. Spairana 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

**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,** Born on August 17, 1917 in Troy, New York, Joseph M. Spairana was the son of the late John J. and Mary Ann Carnevale Spairana; he was a graduate of Catholic Central High School and the Veterans Vocational School, which is now known as Hudson Valley Community College; he also attended Russell Sage College Evening Division; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph M. Spairana proudly served his country as member of the United States Army from April 14, 1942 until April 5, 1945, during which time he achieved the rank of Corporal; and

**WHEREAS,** For his courageous service during World War II, Joseph M. Spairana was awarded the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (EAME) Theater Ribbon and the Good Conduct Ribbon; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph M. Spairana retired as the Veterans Counselor at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy at the age of 75, prior to which he served as Director of the Rensselaer County Veterans Service Agency, as well as Sales Manager for the Charles Dauchy Paint Company and Salesman and Estimator for Grimm Building Materials Company; and

**WHEREAS,** With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Joseph M. Spairana was a past president of the United Commercial Travelers and a past president of the Lansingburgh Rotary Club; he was also a member of the VFW and the Disabled American Veterans; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, he gave tirelessly of his time and energies as a neighborhood commissioner for the Uncle Sam Boy Scouts Council for over 15 years; and

**WHEREAS,** A man of indomitable faith and dedication, Joseph M. Spairana was an active member of St. Augustine's Church where he was a longtime member of the Bingo committee, a member of the former bazaar committee, and an usher for more than 35 years; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph M. Spairana and his beloved wife, Josephine Quick Spairana, were the proud parents of three wonderful sons, Jeffrey, Joseph and Jan; 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 risked their lives for their beloved Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Joseph M. Spairana demonstrated his love for his country and merits forevermore the highest respect of his State and Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph M. Spairana died on Thursday, April 28, 2005, at the age of 87; 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 Joseph M. Spairana 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 Joseph M. Spairana.