

Senate Resolution No. 2641

BY: Senator JORDAN

COMMENDING Lawrence Carney 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 Lawrence Carney 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, Lawrence Carney served as a Gunner in an anti-aircraft artillery regiment in North Carolina, later relocating to Hawaii, where he attended Ranger Combat School; after completion of his training, he was promoted to an instructor at the Unit Jungle Training Center; and

WHEREAS, After that regiment was broken down into several gun battalions, he was assigned to the 867th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapon Battalion; his unit returned to the Mariana Islands in July of 1945 in anticipation of another impending Japanese invasion; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service during World War II, Lawrence Carney was awarded the American Defense Service Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service on September 1, 1945, Lawrence Carney returned to Fort Dix where he was honorably discharged; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Stillwater High School, Lawrence Carney was married to the love of his life, Elizabeth "Betty" Griffin Carney, for 53 fulfilling years; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Carney, a resident of Stillwater, New York, died on October 22, 2001, at the age of 82; 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, Lawrence Carney 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 Lawrence Carney 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 Lawrence Carney.