

Senate Resolution No. 2890

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING John W. Seaman 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 John W. Seaman 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, John W. Seaman was born on October 17, 1937 in Wantagh, New York, to George and Isabel Seaman; in 1942, the family moved to Greenfield, where they started a family farm and John discovered his two passions, tomatoes and motors; and

WHEREAS, For 38 years, John W. Seaman gave tirelessly of his time and energies as a member of the New York Army National Guard and is truly deserving of the highest commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, On August 17, 1959, John W. Seaman began serving his country as a member of the New York Army National Guard where he was enlisted with the 247th Medical Company; and

WHEREAS, From January 8-27, 1990, John W. Seaman was part of the operation REFORGER90 (REturn FORces to GERmany), a deployment to Germany in the aftermath of the fall of the Berlin Wall to support active troops with military medical support; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this brave soldier was part of the REFORGER92, again deploying to Germany to deliver aid to soldiers; and

WHEREAS, After serving his beloved country with honor and distinction for nearly four decades, John W. Seaman retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class E-7 on March 25, 1997; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service, John W. Seaman received the Army Commendation Medal, Army Service Ribbon and the National Defense Service Medal; additionally, in 1974, his unit received the National Guard Superior Unit Award for maintaining the Guard's highest standards;

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WHEREAS, John W. Seaman and the former Wanda Dake were united in marriage in 1961, and together moved to Corinth, New York to raise their two children, Edward and Lisa; and

WHEREAS, John W. Seaman worked in the Corinth Central School district for 37 years, retiring as the Superintendent of Buildings, Grounds, Maintenance, Custodial Staff and the Bus Garage; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, John W. Seaman served the Village of Corinth on the planning board; he was also the former President of Rondac Campers Association and former Commander of the Horace D. Washburn American Legion Post No. 533; and

WHEREAS, John W. Seaman died on February 28, 2020, 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, John W. Seaman 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 John W. Seaman 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 John W. Seaman.