

Senate Resolution No. 2908

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING Joseph R. Giello 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 R. Giello 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; this auspicious recognition will be celebrated at the Schenectady County Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at St. Luke's Pastoral Center, Schenectady, New York; 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 December 2, 1915, in Schenectady, New York, Joseph R. Giello was one of six children born to Ralph Giello and Sadie Poltorak; he attended Schenectady City Schools before proudly serving his country as a Sergeant in the United States Army from June 12, 1939 until June 6, 1945; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service during World War II, Joseph R. Giello was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Western Pacific Campaign Medal, and the American Defense Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Joseph R. Giello went on to have an illustrious 25-year career with General Electric, retiring in 1972; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to local veterans, Joseph R. Giello was a Past Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 357, National Commander of the 27th Division Association, and Past Commander of Apple Knockers Post No. 105; he was also a member of the American Legion Post No. 1002 and AMVETS Post No. 35; and

WHEREAS, Joseph R. Giello enjoyed fishing, hunting, car racing at Fonda Speedway, and attending musical acts at Colonie Coliseum Tent; and

WHEREAS, While he was passionate about many things, above all his greatest passion was spending time with his beloved wife, Philomena, and their seven children, Rose, Phillip, Loretta, Michael, Joella, Joseph Jr., and Robert, as well as their eight grandchildren, Courtney,

Brittany, Tiffany, Robert, Mark, Scott, Nadene and Ashley; and

WHEREAS, Joseph R. Giello died on July 4, 1992, at the age of 76; 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 R. Giello 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 Joseph R. Giello 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 R. Giello.