

Senate Resolution No. 1417

BY: Senator HINCHEY

COMMENDING Sergeant Jack Herbert Hallenbeck 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 Sergeant Jack Herbert Hallenbeck 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, Jack Herbert Hallenbeck was born on March 21, 1932, to the late Anna Hallenbeck in Hudson, New York, where he graduated from Hudson High School in 1949; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his studies, Jack Herbert Hallenbeck proudly served his country for three years as a member of the United States Army, during which time he was stationed in both the United States and Japan, obtaining the esteemed rank of Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service during the Korean War, Sergeant Jack Herbert Hallenbeck was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Army Occupation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, and New York State Medal of Merit; and

WHEREAS, Following his honorable discharge, Jack Herbert Hallenbeck worked for the V&O Press and L&B Corp, from which he retired; and

WHEREAS, A devoted husband, loving father, and caring grandfather and great-grandfather, Jack Herbert Hallenbeck and his adored wife, Elizabeth (Betty) Hallenbeck, were married for 60 wonderful years until her passing; Jack and Betty shared the same date and year of birth, and were born at the same hospital, proving to be inseparable from the very beginning; together, the couple raised four beloved children; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community and local veteran organizations, Jack Herbert Hallenbeck was a past chairman and member of Columbia County Honor-a-Vet, past commander and member of the Korean War Veterans Chapter 283, as well as a member of the Greenbush Reformed Church, VFW Post No. 1314, Greenport Seniors, and

Columbia County Golden Agers; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, truly dedicated to honoring the Nation's deceased veterans, one of Jack's proudest accomplishments, besides his family, was helping the Korean War Veteran's raise the funds to erect a Korean War Memorial in Hudson, New York; 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, Sergeant Jack Herbert Hallenbeck 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 Sergeant Jack Herbert Hallenbeck 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 Sergeant Jack Herbert Hallenbeck.