

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING Louis J. Marcelle, Sr. and Lucille A. Marcelle posthumously upon the occasion of their designation as recipients 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 esteemed Body; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Louis J. Marcelle, Sr. and Lucille A. Marcelle posthumously upon the occasion of their designation as recipients 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 March 12, 1923, Louis Marcelle, Sr. was raised in Mechanicville, New York by his parents Isidora and Columbia; in 1941, he graduated from Mechanicville High School; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating, Louis Marcelle, Sr. joined the United States Army on January 6, 1943; and

WHEREAS, Louis Marcelle, Sr. served with the 3rd Army 635th Ordnance Ammunition Company, 3rd Army Headquarters Detachment; he was placed in the European Theater and Germany; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service at the rank of Master Sgt., Louis Marcelle, Sr. was awarded the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and the WWII Victory Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service on May 2, 1946, Louis Marcelle, Sr. began his career as the Vice President and Superintendent of Highway and Bridge Construction at D.A. Collins Construction Co. for over 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, served as the President of the Carpenters Union No. 1576, a member of the Holy Name Society, the Sons of Italy, and the Peter Purcell ITAM Post 21, and the Marcelle-Nolan DAV Chapter 158; and

WHEREAS, Born on August 13, 1919, Lucille Marcelle was raised in Mechanicville, New York by her parents Giovanni and Maria; she graduated from Mechanicville Highschool and went on to earn her RN degree from St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in 1940; and

WHEREAS, Using her skills as an RN to help our Nation, Lucille Marcelle entered the United States Army on February 15, 1944; and

WHEREAS, Lucille Marcelle served at the 232nd General Hospital as a Nurse; she was placed in the Pacific Theater, at Hawaii, Iwo Jima, Guam, and Saipan; and

WHEREAS, Rising through the ranks, Lucille Marcelle earned the rank of Captain; for her remarkable efforts, she was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal and the WWII Victory Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of her military service on February 21, 1946, Lucille Marcelle worked as a substitute school nurse in the Mechanicville public school systems; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to her community, Lucille Marcelle was a member of the Church of Assumption, where she taught Catechism Classes, and was a part of the Rosery Alter Society; and

WHEREAS, Marrying on October 1, 1946, Louis Marcelle, Sr. and Lucille Marcelle had three sons, Louis, Michael, and H. John; 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 gave their lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited their patriotism both at home and abroad, Louis Marcelle, Sr. and Lucille Marcelle have demonstrated their love for their country and merits forevermore the highest respect of this 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 Louis J. Marcelle, Sr. and Lucille A. Marcelle posthumously upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Louis J. Marcelle, Sr. and Lucille A. Marcelle.