

Assembly Resolution No. 938

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HONORING members of the American Association of Invalids and Veterans of World War II for their dedicated military service

WHEREAS, Members of Armed Services and those American allied forces who have served so valiantly and honorably in the interest of our Nation, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend those who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, The period of June 22, 1941, through May 8, 1945, saw, arguably, the most ferocious fighting in history during the invasion of the Soviet Union by the armed forces of Nazi Germany and its allies; and

WHEREAS, The men and women of the Red Army operated during that time-period in full alliance with the men and women of the armed forces of the United States, the United Kingdom, and of other allied nations to end the scourge of National Socialism; and

WHEREAS, Of the estimated 70 to 85 million deaths suffered worldwide during the second World War, most estimates suggest total losses of 30 million lives on the Eastern Front, and this includes approximately 80% of all German losses in that War; and

WHEREAS, The soldiers of the Red Army displayed measures of courage, perseverance, toughness and resolve rarely equaled in military history; and

WHEREAS, These soldiers earned victory in what is called in Russia "The Great Patriotic War," despite shortages, personal privation, a skilled, ruthless, and fearsome enemy, sometimes erratic or indifferent leadership, and often horrendous weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, The efforts of these soldiers helped to bring an end to one of the most evil and murderous regimes in human history; and

WHEREAS, The word "hero" can, and should be, honestly applied to these veterans who, even after the 79 long years since VE day, are owed a debt of gratitude by persons born long after their sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, Within Brooklyn, New York, there still lives numerous veterans of this War, all having reached the remarkable age of 100 years or greater; and

WHEREAS, These veterans are all members of the American Association of Invalids and Veterans of World War II; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage

with which these men 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, these men and women demonstrated their love for their country, proved true and dedicated allyship to the United States, and merit forevermore, the highest respect of this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, These veterans deserve to be recognized, commended, and thanked by the people of the State of New York and all citizens of this Nation for their honorable service and for their proven successes in allyship to the United States and Britain; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and honor the services of the following members of the American Association of Invalids and Veterans of World War II: Roman Brusilovskiy; Semen Maidin; Isaak Bender; Naum Feldman; Michail Zeltser; Semen Oberfeld; Dimitriy Yalov; Boris Galinkin; Yakov Derbaremdikar; Lev Farber; Leyzer Kliger; Dmitriy Kacher; Isaac Zilber; Sofia Avrukina; Demyan Polisskiy; Fanya Solodukho; Yevgeny Gorelik; Bronislava Potashnik; Leonid Rozenberg; Semen Brushtin; Boris Shteynbuk; Vyachaslav Ushakov; Boris Sirota; Dmitriy Lokantsov; Leonid Dekhtyar; Aron Zaika; Iosif Sosna; and Yefim Shestak; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned veterans.