

Senate Resolution No. 1253

**BY:** Senator TEDISCO

**COMMENDING** John T. Golden, Sr., 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 esteemed Body; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend John T. Golden, Sr., 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 prestigious honor will be awarded at the Saratoga County Honor a Deceased Veteran Ceremony on Tuesday, July 15, 2025; 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,** On April 11, 1926, John T. Golden, Sr., was born to James and Hannah Golden in Bronx, New York; he graduated from Long Beach High and attended CW Post College; and

**WHEREAS,** On February 5, 1943, John T. Golden, Sr., entered the United States Navy; he was trained in diesel mechanics and demolitions, and he was qualified in submarines; he served first as Fireman and later, as Motor Mechanics Mate; and

**WHEREAS,** John T. Golden, Sr., served in World War II, which took him to several Naval Amphibious Assault bases in England, as well as serving onboard a Landing Ship, Tank (LST) during the D-Day Invasion and subsequent transport operations; and

**WHEREAS,** John T. Golden, Sr., was later assigned onboard the transport ship, the USS General LeRoy Eltinge, participating in Operation Magic Carpet which would take him across the world to China; another transport ship, the USS General W. F. Hase, would return him home to the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** For his bravery, selflessness, and proud service on behalf of his fellow Americans, John T. Golden, Sr., was honored with the Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, the European Campaign Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal; he was honorably discharged on March 18, 1946; and

**WHEREAS,** After his return to the United States, John T. Golden, Sr., married the love of his life, Geraldine, on September 1, 1951; the

couple were blessed with five children; and

**WHEREAS**, John T. Golden, Sr., was a 20-year employee of the Nassau County Police Department, 4th Precinct, serving as Detective in the Narcotics Division and Homicide Division; following his retirement in 1972, he and Geraldine moved to Day, New York, where he worked at the International Paper Company in Corinth until his final retirement in 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, John T. Golden, Sr., was a member and Past Commander of the Hudson-Sacandaga VFW Post No. 5836, a member of the William J. Varney American Legion Post No. 862, and the Roosevelt Rod and Gun Club until his death on May 27, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, Having exhibited his patriotism, both at home and abroad, John T. Golden, Sr., 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 T. Golden, Sr., 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 T. Golden, Sr.