

Senate Resolution No. 1583

BY: Senator TEDISCO

COMMENDING Earl E. Seelow 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 Earl E. Seelow 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, Earl E. Seelow is being honored by the Saratoga County Honor a Veteran Committee during their Honor a Veteran Ceremony on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at the County Building in Ballston Spa, New York; and

WHEREAS, Earl E. Seelow was born on October 20, 1932, in Edinburg, New York, to Edwin and Flora Seelow; and

WHEREAS, Earl E. Seelow entered the United States Army on November 13, 1952; he trained as an Infantryman and was sent to Korea, where he was assigned to Company E, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division with whom he would serve his entire time in the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, During his service in the Korean War, Earl E. Seelow fought valiantly in the Third Korean Winter campaign at the Battles of Pork Chop Hill and Old Baldy; and

WHEREAS, Earl E. Seelow was honorably discharged on November 12, 1954, at the rank of Technical Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service during the Korean War, Earl E. Seelow was awarded the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, two Overseas Bars, the United Nations Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, National Defense Service Medal, and the ROK Presidential Unit Emblem; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after his honorable discharge, Earl E. Seelow married his wife Valerie on April 21, 1956, and together they shared 67 years of marriage and raised four cherished sons; and

WHEREAS, Earl E. Seelow spent his career at the International Paper Company in Corinth, New York, where he worked for 37 years and served as UPIU union officer for 22 years before retirement in 1994; he also worked at the Olde Saratoga Brewing Company with his son, Jim, for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, With a strong commitment to public service and community involvement, Earl E. Seelow was the community bowling center manager, the Corinth town assessor for five years, a crossing guard for the Corinth School, and coach, umpire, and executive board member for the Corinth Little League; and

WHEREAS, The desire to protect his neighbors and local community inspired Earl E. Seelow to serve as assistant fire chief of the Edinburg Fire Department, and he was always willing to respond to any call for help; and

WHEREAS, Earl E. Seelow was a member of the Free and Accepted Mason Lodge 22, Shriners Valley of Albany, Oriental Temple of Troy, American Legion Post 533, and New York State Assessor's Association; and

WHEREAS, Earl E. Seelow died on February 15, 2024, at the age of 91; 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 his patriotism both at home and abroad, Earl E. Seelow 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 Earl E. Seelow 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 Earl E. Seelow.