Senate Resolution No. 2378

BY: Senator ADDABBO

COMMENDING Joseph R. Arcara 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 Joseph R. Arcara 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, Joseph R. Arcara was born on September 5, 1926, in Ozone Park, Queens, New York; a proud lifelong New Yorker, Joseph R. Arcara still lives in Ozone Park; and

WHEREAS, Joseph R. Arcara joined the United States Army during World War II, and he was assigned as a weapons armorer to the 335th Amphibious Theatre Battalion, Fort Ord, California; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service during World War II, Joseph R. Arcara was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, the American Theatre Ribbon, and the World War II Lapel Button, which he proudly wore upon returning home; and

WHEREAS, Joseph R. Arcara has been a member of the American Legion for over 75 years, and he served in many officer positions, including Post Commander of the Rouf Norreli-Hardgrove Post 632 on 101st Avenue in Ozone Park; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being a longtime member of the Catholic War Veterans, Joseph R. Arcara has served his Nativity B.V.N. Church and community for over 45 years as an usher, member of the Holy Name Society, and volunteer at the annual Nativity Bazaar Bingo event; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Joseph R. Arcara 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 Joseph R. Arcara 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 Joseph R. Arcara.