Assembly Resolution No. 372

BY: M. of A. Buttenschon

COMMENDING Thomas J. Buono upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Lake Delta Kiwanis Club of Rome

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 Thomas J. Buono upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Lake Delta Kiwanis Club of Rome; this prestigious honor, co-sponsored by the Vietnam Memorial Committee, will be awarded at the 8th Annual Veteran's Recognition Dinner at the Beeches Manor in Rome, New York, on Saturday, May 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Buono was born and raised in Utica, New York; he attended Utica College of Syracuse University and Mohawk Valley Community College; he received a two-year degree from the University of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Buono entered the United States Army and served his country with the 21st Signal & Aviation Group in Vietnam, ending his tour as a Specialist 4th Class (Spec 4); he then served with the United States Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, For 38 years, Thomas J. Buono was employed by the United States Postal Service; he was President of the American Postal Workers Union for 32 years; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Thomas J. Buono is President of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 944, Chairman of the Captain George A. Wood Post Office Veterans Committee, member of the Board of Directors of Honor Flight Syracuse, Chairman of the Veterans Cemetery Committee, Director of Wreaths Across America for six cemeteries located in Rome, New York, and several other titles and affiliations with other organizations; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, Thomas J. Buono was elected to the New York State Veterans Hall of Fame; he works closely with the Gold Star Families throughout Oneida County; and

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Buono is an asset to his family and community; he and his wife, Elaine, reside in New Hartford, New York, and love spending time with their three children, Gina, David, and Matthew, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism, both at home and abroad, Thomas J. Buono 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 Thomas J. Buono upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Lake Delta Kiwanis Club of Rome; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas J. Buono.