

Senate Resolution No. 1303

BY: Senator KENNEDY

COMMENDING Radames Correa Jr. 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 Radames Correa Jr. 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, to be presented to his family at an event on Thursday, April 25, 2019; 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, Radames Correa Jr. was born to Radames and Maria (Rivera) Correa, Sr. in 1962; years later, he married the former Ann Marie Parisi, and together they raised five children, Michael, Radames III, Maria, Andrew and Angelica; he was also the loving grandfather of six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, From 1981-2009, Staff Sergeant Radames Correa Jr. proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army and then the National Guard; during this time, he served as a Health Care Specialist/Combat Medic HHC in numerous capacities including 1st Battalion, 127th Armor Regiment HHT 2nd Squadron, 101st Cavalry, NYARNG Duty at Ground Zero, NYC Border Security Operations and Arizona Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service, Staff Sergeant Radames Correa Jr. was awarded the Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/Campaign Star, the Army Good Conduct Medal, five Army Reserve Components Achievement Medals, two National Defense Service Medals, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/10-year Device, and the NATO Medal; and

WHEREAS, Radames Correa Jr., a 28-year veteran, died on February 11, 2016, at the age of 54; 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, Radames Correa Jr. 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 Radames Correa Jr. 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 Radames Correa Jr.