

Senate Resolution No. 1511

**BY:** Senator O'MARA

**MOURNING** the death of Roswell L. Crozier, Jr.,  
distinguished United States Air Force veteran,  
former Mayor and devoted member of his community

**WHEREAS,** It is with profound sorrow that this Legislative Body,  
representing the people of the State of New York, is moved this day to  
pay tribute to an eminent man of indomitable dedication whose public  
service and countless accomplishments will forever stand as a paradigm  
and inspiration for others; and

**WHEREAS,** Roswell L. Crozier, Jr. of Painted Post, New York, died on  
Saturday, April 6, 2019, at the age of 98; and

**WHEREAS,** Born on July 13, 1920, in Corning, New York, Roswell L.  
Crozier, Jr. was the son of Roswell L. Crozier, Sr. and Francis Rogers;  
he graduated from Corning Free Academy in 1938; and

**WHEREAS,** Roswell L. Crozier, Jr. and the former Helen Tracey were  
united in marriage on February 21, 1942, at Grace United Methodist  
Church in Corning; he worked for a short time at Corning Glass Works  
before enlisting in the Army Air Corps, which later became the United  
States Air Force, on August 21, 1942; and

**WHEREAS,** Affectionately known as Roz, Roswell L. Crozier, Jr.  
graduated from Valley Forge Military Academy, where he earned a degree  
in Aeronautical Engineering from Yale University and graduated from  
U.S.A.F. Air War College; and

**WHEREAS,** A World War II veteran and member of the greatest  
generation, Roswell L. Crozier, Jr. valiantly served his country as a  
member of the United States Air Force until April 30, 1965; his  
significant military engagements included the D-Day Normandy landing,  
Operations Crossbow, Market Garden and Sandstone and the Battle of the  
Bulge, Northern and Southern France, the Rhineland, Ardennes, Italy and  
the South Pacific; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, after the war ended, Roswell L. Crozier, Jr.  
was stationed in England, Japan, Guam and the Philippines, before  
serving in Iceland, France, India and the Belgian Congo; and

**WHEREAS,** For his courageous service, Roswell L. Crozier, Jr. was  
awarded the Bronze Star, Presidential Unit Citation, Air Force  
Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, EUR - /African/Middle  
Eastern Campaign with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, State of New York Awards,  
Conspicuous Service Cross and Conspicuous Service Star; and

**WHEREAS,** Roswell L. Crozier, Jr.'s commitment to excellence, and his  
spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise,  
including charitable and civic endeavors; and

**WHEREAS,** With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Roswell L. Crozier, Jr. was a founding member and Executive Director of Corning Cross Roads; he served as Trustee for the Village of Painted Post, Deputy Mayor, and later as Mayor from 1996 to 2002; he was elected again in 2010 and retired from office in 2015; and

**WHEREAS,** The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Roswell L. Crozier, Jr. was named Painted Post Board of Trade Distinguished Citizen in 2002, and in 2013, he was inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS,** Roswell L. Crozier, Jr. is survived by his loving wife, Helen; two sons, Kent (Cheryl) and Michael (Carole); three grandchildren, Michael (Anne), Katharine and Tressa; great-granddaughter, Holly; sister-in-law, Betty; and numerous nieces and nephews; he was predeceased by his siblings, Norman, Donald and Alice (Bob); brothers-in law and sisters-in-law: Frances (Shotty), Beverly, William (Mike), Evelyn (Boo), Lynn and Carole; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Roswell L. Crozier, Jr. leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Roswell L. Crozier, Jr., distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Roswell L. Crozier, Jr.