

Senate Resolution No. 2173

BY: Senator JORDAN

COMMENDING Edwin W. Faulkner 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 Edwin W. Faulkner 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 at the Saratoga County Honor a Deceased Veteran Ceremony on Tuesday, August 20, 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, Edwin W. Faulkner was born on October 28, 1936, in Mechanicville, New York; after graduating with the first senior class of Shenendehowa Central School in 1954, he attended the State University of New York at Cobleskill; and

WHEREAS, On August 27, 1956, Edwin W. Faulkner enlisted in the United States Marines, and completed his basic training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and was later stationed at Cherry Point, North Carolina, where he proudly served his country as a Message Center Man with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Edwin W. Faulkner was involved in communications, using all types of cryptographic systems and equipment for secure encoded messages and dispatches; he also served a three month tour of duty in the Mediterranean; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service on August 26, 1958, with the rank of Corporal, Edwin W. Faulkner was employed with Behr-Manning (now known as St. GoBain) in his hometown for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Edwin W. Faulkner was the Assessor for the Town of Halfmoon for three decades, and was a participant of the New York State Assessors Association; in addition, he was a charter member of the Shenendehowa United Methodist Church, Ondawa 840 Masonic Lodge, and NCT a Masonic Family Camping Club; and

WHEREAS, Edwin W. Faulkner was married to Gladys for 54 years, and together, they raised four sons; and

WHEREAS, Edwin W. Faulkner died on July 2, 2014, at the age of 77;
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, Edwin W. Faulkner 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 Edwin W. Faulkner 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 Edwin W. Faulkner.