

Senate Resolution No. 2176

BY: Senator JORDAN

COMMENDING Andrew Dolan 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 Andrew Dolan 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 Rensselaer County Honor a Deceased Veteran Ceremony on September 9, 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, Born on July 30, 1927, in Lansingburgh, New York, Andrew "Andy" Dolan was the son of the late Andrew and Elsie May Dolan; he grew up in Troy, attending its public schools through Grade 10; and

WHEREAS, In October of 1943, at the age of 16, Andrew Dolan enlisted in the United States Navy, serving until March of 1946; he was initially assigned as a Seaman aboard the U.S.S. 576 before being transferred to Land Sea Transport (LST) 700, which was crippled by Japanese Zero kamikazes, officially known as Tokubetsu Kogekitai, and towed to the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Dolan was then once again transferred to LST 992, where he drove small Landing Craft Vehicles onto the beaches during the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign of World War II; he reenlisted in the United States Army from 1948 through 1965, where he spent the rest of his career in the Military Police, rising to the rank of Sergeant First Class; and

WHEREAS, While in the Army, Andrew Dolan served at Schofield in Hawaii and was then sent to Korea with the 59th MP Company in 1950; upon returning from Korea, he went to Governor's Island, New York, with the Honor Guard; from there he was sent back to Japan, followed by Okinawa and back to Fort Hamilton, New York, before being sent to Vietnam in 1963, as a military police trainer; and

WHEREAS, On January 31, 1965, Andrew Dolan retired from the military after 22 years of distinguished and courageous service to his country; he was the recipient of countless awards and accolades, including

Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal-World War II Ribbon with three Bronze Service Stars, Philippine Liberation Medal, Korean Service Medal/Ribbon with three Bronze Stars, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary (Vietnam) Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Andrew Dolan went on to have an illustrious career with the Troy Police Department which traversed two decades; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Dolan died on March 29, 2003, at the age of 75; he is buried at Elmwood Hill Cemetery in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his beloved wife, Gloria, Andrew Dolan is survived by his three sons, Andrew (Kathy), Peter (Jan) and Bret (Lynne Ann); one daughter, Dorinda (John); seven grandchildren, Andrew, Kristina, Bryan, Peter, Zachary, Bret and Britney; two brothers, William (Irene) and Francis (the late Dottie); and two sisters, Molly (Dan) and Elsie; as well as many nieces and nephews; 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, Andrew Dolan 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 Andrew Dolan 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 Andrew Dolan.