

**BY:** Senator JORDAN

**COMMENDING** Gloria L. Dolan posthumously upon the occasion of her 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 peace-time, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Gloria L. Dolan posthumously upon the occasion of her 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 August 8, 1930, in Moscow, Maine, Gloria Loraine was the ninth of 10 children born to Rex Stanton and Goldie Myrtle (Smith) Steeves; when she was four years old, the family moved to a farm in Surrey, New Brunswick, where she attended a one room school house before graduating from Hillsborough High School in 1947; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1953, Gloria joined the Women's Army Corp, at the age of 23, entering active service at Fort Williams, Maine; after Basic Training at Fort Lee, Virginia, she became a Company Clerk and was stationed at Fort Mason in San Francisco, California; and

**WHEREAS,** During her time in the service, Gloria met Andrew Dolan and they married in 1956; one year later, while the couple was stationed together in Okinawa, Japan, Gloria became pregnant and was honorably discharged; and

**WHEREAS,** For her meritorious service, Gloria L. Dolan was the recipient of the National Defense Service Medal; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1965, Gloria L. Dolan and her young family settled in Troy, New York, where she devoted her life to building a loving home for her husband and their four children, Andrew, Peter, Bret and Dorinda; and

**WHEREAS,** Once her children were older, Gloria L. Dolan worked at various jobs, later becoming a keypunch operator for Gardenway (Troy-Built Equipment) Distributors; and

**WHEREAS,** Gloria L. Dolan died on April 13, 1992, at the age of 62;

she is buried at Elmwood Hill Cemetery in Troy, New York; 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 her patriotism both at home and abroad, Gloria L. Dolan demonstrated her love for her country and merits forevermore, the highest respect of her 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 Gloria L. Dolan posthumously upon the occasion of her 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 Gloria L. Dolan.