

BY: Senator LANZA

HONORING the last surviving veteran of the Marine Corps League's Sergeant Angel Mendez Detachment 246, Nicholas M. Troianiello for his brave and noble service to his country

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, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to pay special tribute to those who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the last surviving veteran of the Marine Corps League's Sergeant Angel Mendez Detachment 246, Nicholas M. Troianiello for his brave and noble service to his country; he will be recognized at the Detachment's Annual Ceremony on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, in conjunction with the observance of the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas M. Troianiello was born to Vincent and Angelina Troianiello on April 4, 1926, in Staten Island, New York, where he attended Port Richmond High School; and

WHEREAS, After graduating in 1944, Nicholas M. Troianiello was a member of the New York State Guard for one year prior to proudly serving his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps during World War II; he was one of the 30,000 Marines to land on the small Japanese island of Iwo Jima on February 19, 1945, marking the turning point of the war in the Pacific Theater; and

WHEREAS, The American invasion, designated Operation Detachment, had the goal of capturing the entire island, including the three Japanese-controlled airfields, to provide a staging area for attacks on the Japanese main islands; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service during the Second World War, Nicholas M. Troianiello was awarded the Purple Heart and the Conspicuous Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Nicholas M. Troianiello returned to his hometown, and became a member of the New York City Fire Department, retiring after 40 years with the esteemed title of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas M. Troianiello married the late Mary A. Troianiello at St. Michael's Church in Staten Island on September 27, 1952, and together, they raised six children, Nicholas, Cathleen, Steven, David, Christopher, and Robert; today, he is the loving

grandfather of six grandchildren, John, Jennifer, James, David, Cole, and Jesse; and two great-grandchildren, Michael and David; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to the United States Marines and his community, Nicholas M. Troianiello was an active member of the USMC League, 3rd Marine Division Association, the Retired Firefighters Association, and the Devil Dogs; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his military accolades, Nicholas M. Troianiello was named both Fireman of the Year and Marine of the Year, and received a Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service with the Devil Dogs; and

WHEREAS, Kind, generous and always thinking of others, Nicholas M. Troianiello frequently made visits to local veterans' hospitals, and was committed to raising funds for various organizations such as Toys for Tots; and

WHEREAS, A devout Catholic, Nicholas M. Troianiello belongs to the New York City Holy Name Society, and takes great pride in treating others the way they would want to be treated; and

WHEREAS, When he was not fighting fires, Nicholas M. Troianiello could be found outdoors, whether he was hunting, crabbing, or tending to his gardens, and has enjoyed playing sports such as bocce ball, football, and handball; and

WHEREAS, Above all, Nicholas M. Troianiello has always loved spending time with his treasured family, especially during summer vacations at the Jersey Shore; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Nicholas M. Troianiello has 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 honor the last surviving veteran of Marine Corps League's Sergeant Angel Mendez Detachment 246, Nicholas M. Troianiello for his brave and noble service to his country; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nicholas M. Troianiello.