

BY: Senator JORDAN

COMMENDING Sergeant Howard A. Richards
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 Sergeant
Howard A. Richards 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

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 to Abram Richards and Charlotte Hutchinson on January
16, 1922, in Nassau, New York, Howard A. Richards graduated from Martin
Van Buren High School in Valatie, New York, in 1939; and

WHEREAS, Howard A. Richards and the former Dorothy Karle were united
in marriage on August 16, 1942, and together they raised four daughters,
Cindy, Claudia, Corinne and Cheryl; they were also the proud
grandparents of eight grandchildren, Jennifer, Aisha, Kam, Jason,
Karlee, Michael, Christie and Robin; and

WHEREAS, Howard A. Richards enlisted in the United States Army on
November 11, 1942, in Albany, New York; after attending Chemical Warfare
School, he spent his illustrious military career as Chief of Section
844, supervising 16 men in firearms; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service during World War II, Sergeant
Howard A. Richards was awarded the American Service Medal, European
African Middle Eastern Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service on November 5,
1945, Howard A. Richards returned to his lifelong community of Nassau,
New York, where he spent his illustrious career as a plumber with
Plumber and Steamfitters Local No. 7; he also worked for many years at
Schaefer Brewery in Albany; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his
community, Howard A. Richards was an active member of VFW Post No. 8162,
Nassau American Legion Post No. 1268, and Kinderhook Elks Lodge No.
2530; and

WHEREAS, Howard A. Richards died on August 2, 1987, at the age of 65; 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, Sergeant Howard A. Richards 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 Sergeant Howard A. Richards 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 Sergeant Howard A. Richards.