

**BY:** Senator RITCHIE

**HONORING** James Dillabough upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2021 Oswego County Veteran of the Year Award

**WHEREAS,** Within every community there exists certain individuals who have played an important role in helping the people and families of Central New York; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those individuals in Oswego County and New York State who have demonstrated great selflessness and care for one's community; and

**WHEREAS,** James Dillabough was recently honored by the Oswego County Legislature as Oswego County's 2021 Veteran of the Year; and

**WHEREAS,** James Dillabough enlisted in the United States Navy in 1961 at the age of 17, attending boot camp at Great Lakes Training Center before being assigned to the U.S.S. Springfield CL G-7, a light cruiser missile-carrying warship; and

**WHEREAS,** This experienced veteran served in Spain and later in France, eventually serving as the personal driver for the Chief of Staff to the 6th fleet commander; and

**WHEREAS,** After completing his tour of duty, he came home to Oswego and worked at Columbia Mills in Minetto, New York, and later for the Oswego City School District; and

**WHEREAS,** With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, James Dillabough tirelessly devoted thousands of hours to helping area veterans and his community, planting flags on Memorial Day, visiting hospitalized veterans, driving the Disabled American Veterans van, volunteering with the Elks Club, and performing other services to make life better for others; and

**WHEREAS,** Through his service to his country and his community, James Dillabough has made a lasting, positive impact on our region and our nation, making a difference in the lives of countless individuals; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor James Dillabough upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2021 Oswego County Veteran of the Year Award, recognizing his contributions as a member of the United States Armed Services and as a dedicated member of his community; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Dillabough.