Assembly Resolution No. 2176

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HONORING Thomas Falzarano upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of an Honor Flight on June 15, 2024

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so faithfully and courageously in wars in which our Nation's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace during peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Thomas Falzarano upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of an Honor Flight on Saturday, June 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Honor Flights are an opportunity to recognize and thank the Americans who secured our freedom by bringing them to the Nation's capital to see the memorials that commemorate their service, giving them a hero's welcome every step of the way; and

WHEREAS, Participation in an Honor Flight trip gives veterans the opportunity to share this momentous occasion with other comrades, remember the fallen, and share their stories and experiences with other veterans; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Honor Flight Network commends those who served during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and veterans of any service era who are critically ill; in New York State alone, more than 5,000 members of our armed services have fulfilled their wish of visiting our Nation's capital and all its sites and memorials honoring our country's great history; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Falzarano is justly deserving of this esteemed privilege and opportunity for his dedicated service with the United States Navy beginning in 1967; he was stationed in San Diego, California until his deployment to Vietnam where he served as a communications specialist from 1970-1971; and

WHEREAS, Upon his discharge from the Navy, Thomas Falzarano, a Richmondville native, moved to Buffalo, New York, where he enrolled in D'youville College, and later met his cherished life partner and wife, Martha; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from D'youville College 1976, Thomas Falzarano went on to leave his mark on his community as a special

education teacher in the Buffalo Public School District and as a father of three daughters and grandfather of two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited their patriotism both at home and abroad, these brave men and women of our military have demonstrated their love for their country and merit forevermore, the highest respect of their State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Thomas Falzarano upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of an Honor Flight on June 15, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Thomas Falzarano.