

Senate Resolution No. 1265

**BY:** Senator TEDISCO

**COMMENDING** Andrew G. Stine 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 Andrew G. Stine 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; he will be recognized at the Saratoga County "Honor our Deceased Veterans Ceremony" on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, in Ballston Spa, New York; 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,** Andrew G. Stine entered the U.S. Army on March 4, 1943, serving as a Demolition Tech with the 1884th Engineer Aviation Battalion with whom he served in the Ryukyus Campaign which included the Battle of Okinawa during World War II; and

**WHEREAS,** This brave veteran was tasked with the important and dangerous duty of repairing airfields in remote or hostile areas throughout the Western Pacific; and

**WHEREAS,** For his courageous service during World War II, Andrew G. Stine was awarded the Good Conduct Medal with Clasp, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with Two Service Stars, the American Campaign Medal, and the WWII Victory Medal; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon the completion of his military service on January 28, 1946, Andrew G. Stine re-enlisted into the U.S. Army on February 21, 1947, with the Army Corps of Engineers where he served as a Surveyor with the 817th Engineer Aviation Battalion; he had his final discharge on February 20, 1950; and

**WHEREAS,** A true family man, Andrew G. Stine and his beloved wife, Ethel, were the proud parents of three beloved children and cherished 50 marvelous years of marriage; and

**WHEREAS,** Andrew G. Stine was born to parents Albert and Mildred on June 22, 1923, in Saratoga Springs, New York; he graduated from White Plains High School in 1941, and attended New York University (NYU) before entering the U.S. Army; he also possessed a bachelor's degree

from Skidmore College; and

**WHEREAS,** This dedicated and hardworking veteran, Andrew G. Stine, worked as a land surveyor for 50 years; he also worked for The National Park Services for 10 years and retired after eight years with the Vermont Highway and Human Services Department; and

**WHEREAS,** Andrew G. Stine died on July 4, 2019, at the age of 76; 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, Andrew G. Stine 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 Andrew G. Stine 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 Andrew G. Stine.