

Senate Resolution No. 1295

**BY:** Senator TEDISCO

**COMMENDING** Michael J. Booth Sr. 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 Michael J. Booth Sr. 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,** Michael J. Booth Sr. is being honored by the Saratoga County Honor a Veteran Committee during their Honor a Veterans Ceremony; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael J. Booth Sr. was born on March 3, 1962, in Cambridge, New York, to Charles and Joan Booth, and received his education from Schuylerville Central Schools; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael J. Booth Sr. entered the United States Air Force on July 7, 1981; and

**WHEREAS,** During his time in the United States Air Force, Michael J. Booth Sr. served as a Law Enforcement Specialist and was stationed at Ramstein AB in Germany and Goodfellow AB in Texas; and

**WHEREAS,** For his courageous service, Michael J. Booth Sr. was awarded the Outstanding Unit Award, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Overseas Ribbon; and

**WHEREAS,** After four years of brave service to his Nation, Michael J. Booth Sr. was discharged on July 6, 1985, at the rank of Senior Airman; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to his career in the United States Air Force, Michael J. Booth Sr. was employed by Agway and AmeriGas before starting his own oil company, Booth Oil; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael J. Booth Sr. was a proud member of several local organizations, including the Greenwich Elks BPOE No. 2223, in which he was elected Exalted Ruler twice, the American Legion post No. 515, and

the Eagles Club in Saratoga Springs, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** With a desire to serve his local community, Michael J. Booth Sr. had been a member and former president of the Schuylerville Central School District Board of Education, a member of the Quaker Springs Fire Department, and a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael J. Booth Sr. shared his life with his beloved wife, Kelly, for 33 years, and together they had the pleasure of raising three sons, Michael Jr., Stephen, and Nathan; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael J. Booth Sr. died on Thursday, September 19, 2019; 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, Michael J. Booth Sr. 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 Michael J. Booth Sr. 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 Michael J. Booth Sr.