

Senate Resolution No. 1829

**BY:** Senator WEBB

**COMMENDING** Cornell Morris 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 Cornell Morris 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,** Cornell Morris served in the United States Army for 25 years where he was a revered Military Intelligence Officer; he retired from service having achieved the esteemed rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and

**WHEREAS,** Cornell Morris served in key leadership roles including Battalion S-2 for the United Nations Command Security Force in the Joint Security Area (JSA) of the Republic of Korea; Company A, 102nd Military Intelligence Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division; Brigade S-2, 197th Infantry Brigade (Mechanized) during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm; and assignments with the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade and U.S. Army Forces Command; and

**WHEREAS,** With his sound judgment, steadfast leadership, and an unwavering dedication to mission and personnel, Cornell Morris, following the attacks of September 11, 2001, in support of the Global War on Terror, deployed in combat with Third Army in support of Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom; he also answered the call at home, serving with Task Force Katrina/Rita to assist communities devastated by natural disasters; and

**WHEREAS,** As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Cornell Morris has devoted his professional life to supporting military members, veterans, and their families; he works unremittingly at a community-based veteran center providing mentorship, training, and leadership while delivering evidence-based psychotherapy and addiction counseling to those navigating the invisible wounds of military service; and

**WHEREAS,** With experience in hospice and palliative care, substance abuse and DUI counseling, parenting education, domestic violence

intervention, and anger management, this commendable veteran, Cornell Morris, has worked to ensure that veterans are seen, valued, and supported, reinforcing the connection between military service and the communities it protects; 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 risked 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, Cornell Morris 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 Cornell Morris 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 Cornell Morris.