

Senate Resolution No. 1958

BY: Senator HINCHEY

COMMENDING Sergeant Boyd F. Allen 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 peace-time deserve a special salute from this esteemed Body; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Boyd F. Allen 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, Born and raised in Tannersville, New York, Boyd F. Allen enlisted in the United States Army on April 8, 1943, and served honorably with the 23rd Armored Engineer Battalion, 3rd Armored Division, during World War II; and

WHEREAS, During his service, Sgt. Boyd F. Allen participated in the Battle of the Bulge, where his duties included the hazardous work of clearing land mines and supporting frontline mobility and defensive operations under active combat conditions during one of the most critical campaigns; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service, Boyd F. Allen was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, the European African-Middle Eastern Service Medal, the American Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and two Purple Hearts for wounds sustained in combat; and

WHEREAS, Following his military service, Boyd F. Allen served as the Greene County Superintendent of Highways for sixteen years, during a significant period of highway expansion in the United States; he was elected Mayor of Tannersville and later operated a surveying business that served a wide area throughout Greene County; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Boyd F. Allen demonstrated an enduring commitment to his community by providing guidance and opportunities to many young citizens in Greene County as they began their own careers; and

WHEREAS, Just days before his 99th birthday, Boyd F. Allen passed away on January 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Boyd F. Allen was chosen as the recipient of the Greene County Memorial Veteran Award for 2026; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Boyd F. Allen 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 Sergeant Boyd F. Allen 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 Boyd F. Allen.