

Senate Resolution No. 2103

**BY:** Senator TEDISCO

**COMMENDING** Donald L. Hersey 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 Donald L. Hersey 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,** Donald L. Hersey is being honored posthumously by the Saratoga County Veterans Service Agency at its Honor our Deceased Veterans Ceremony on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at the County Building in Ballston Spa, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Donald L. Hersey was born on November 28, 1945, in Corinth, New York, to parents Louis and Mabel and attended Galway Schools; and

**WHEREAS,** Entering into the U.S. Marine Corps on January 29, 1965, Donald L. Hersey trained as an Engineer Equipment Operator and then served as a Combat Engineer in Vietnam; and

**WHEREAS,** After his Vietnam service, Donald L. Hersey was assigned to Company B 8th Engineer Battalion at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** On October 7, 1967, Donald L. Hersey married his beloved wife, Beverly, with whom he had three cherished children; and

**WHEREAS,** Donald L. Hersey was honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant on January 28, 1968, and later served in the U.S. Army Reserves; and

**WHEREAS,** For his dedicated and valuable service, Donald L. Hersey was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the Vietnamese Service Medal with 1 Star, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnamese Campaign Medal with Device, and the Presidential Unit Citation; and

**WHEREAS,** Following his years of impactful military service, Donald L. Hersey was self-employed with numerous endeavors, such as bulldozing and landscaping work; later, he was employed by the former Lockheed

Martin in West Milton, New York, until his retirement in 2002; and

**WHEREAS,** Donald L. Hersey was an admired member of the Providence Volunteer Ambulance Corp and the Volunteer Fire Department; he was also a proud member of the American Legion Post 1461; and

**WHEREAS,** Donald L. Hersey died on December 20, 2025, at the age of 80; and

**WHEREAS,** Donald L. Hersey, in his lifetime of selfless service, has so aptly demonstrated his character and compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his action, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of New York State who voluntarily respond without thinking of danger or reward when others need help; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Donald L. Hersey 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 Donald L. Hersey.