

Assembly Resolution No. 1209

**BY:** M. of A. Buttenschon

**CONGRATULATING** Gordon Duheme upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of an Honor Flight on May 2, 2026

**WHEREAS,** Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so faithfully and courageously in wars in which our Nation's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace during peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; 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,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Gordon Duheme upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of an Honor Flight on Saturday, May 2, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** Honor Flights are an opportunity to recognize and thank the Americans who secured our freedom by bringing them to the Nation's capital to see the memorials that commemorate their service, giving them a hero's welcome every step of the way; and

**WHEREAS,** Participation in an Honor Flight trip gives veterans the opportunity to share this momentous occasion with other comrades, remember the fallen, and share their stories and experiences with other veterans; and

**WHEREAS,** Currently, Honor Flight Network commends those who served during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and veterans of any service era who are critically ill; in New York State alone, more than 5,000 members of our armed services have fulfilled their wish of visiting our Nation's capital and all its sites and memorials honoring our country's great history; and

**WHEREAS,** Gordon Duheme is justly deserving of this esteemed privilege and opportunity for his dedicated service with the United States Air Force beginning in 1956; he was stationed in at various bases across the United States, including Keesler AFB in Mississippi, Langley AFB in Virginia, and Griffiss AFB in Rome, NY; and

**WHEREAS,** During the course of his enlistment, Gordon Duheme was deployed numerous times, serving in Japan from 1957 to 1958, Iwo Jima in 1958, the Philippines from 1965 to 1967, Vietnam from 1971 to 1972, Germany from 1975-1978, and Turkey from 1979-1980; and

**WHEREAS,** After his illustrious thirty-year career with the Air Force, during which he earned the Meritorious Service Medal as well as

thirteen other ribbons, Gordon Duheme retired at the high and honorable rank of E9 as a Chief Master Sargent, after which he went on to work for Civil Service in the 485th Engineer Installations Team; and

**WHEREAS,** Gordon Duheme is a father to four daughters who live in Omaha, Nebraska and is currently married to Ruth Duheme and is known as Pops to her daughter and two sons; and

**WHEREAS,** Having exhibited their patriotism both at home and abroad, these brave men and women of our military have demonstrated their love for their country and merit forevermore, the highest respect of their State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Gordon Duheme upon the occasion of his designation as a recipient of an Honor Flight on May 2, 2026; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gordon Duheme.