

Assembly Resolution No. 1272

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

**HONORING** James L. McGuire 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 honor James L. McGuire 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, the 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,** James L. McGuire is justly deserving of this esteemed privilege and opportunity for his dedicated service with the United States Navy beginning in 1966; he completed his basic training in Davisville, Rhode Island and completed his advanced training at Camp Lejune in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** After training, James L. McGuire was quickly deployed to Chu Lai, Vietnam as a Builder with the renowned United States Naval Construction Battalions, better known as the "Seabees", who serve with the motto, "We Build, We Fight"; and

**WHEREAS,** After nine months, James L. McGuire returned with the rank of E4 as a Petty Officer Third Class, served on Active Duty for two

years, and remained in service for another two years as a civilian, ready to return to active duty if called upon; and

**WHEREAS,** James L. McGuire has been a member of the VFW Post 6001, where he received a Lifetime Membership for all of his volunteer work, the VFW Post 8259, American Legion Posts 229 and 161, serving in various officer roles; and

**WHEREAS,** In his civilian life, James L. McGuire displayed his entrepreneurial spirit, starting his own business, Mr. Tree, which served the communities of the Mohawk Valley; 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 honor James L. McGuire 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 James L. McGuire.