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Assembly Resolution No. 358

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CELEBRATING the life and achievements of Technical Sergeant Carlton W. Barrett

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 celebrate the life and achievements of Technical Sergeant Carlton W. Barrett; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion will be commemorated on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, in his hometown of Fulton, New York, in Oswego County; and

WHEREAS, Born on November 24, 1919, Carlton William Barrett proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army with the 18th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Private Carlton W. Barrett received the Medal of Honor Award for his gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty on June 6, 1944, in the vicinity of St. Laurent-sur-Mer, France; and

WHEREAS, On the morning of D-day, Private Carlton W. Barrett, landing in the face of extremely heavy enemy fire, was forced to wade

ashore through neck-deep water; disregarding the personal danger, he returned to the surf again and again to assist his floundering comrades and save them from drowning; and

WHEREAS, Refusing to remain pinned down by the intense barrage of small-arms and mortar fire poured at the landing points, Private Carlton W. Barrett, working with fierce determination, saved many lives by carrying casualties to an evacuation boat lying offshore; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his assigned mission as guide, Private Carlton W. Barrett carried dispatches the length of the fire-swept beach, assisted the wounded, and calmed the shocked; he truly arose as a leader in the stress of the occasion; and

WHEREAS, Private Carlton W. Barrett's coolness and his dauntless daring courage while constantly risking his life during a period of many hours had an inestimable effect on his comrades and is in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Private Carlton W. Barrett was presented with this prestigious honor by General J.C.H. Lee on November 17, 1944, in Paris, France; and

WHEREAS, Carlton W. Barrett was honorably discharged in June of 1963 with the rank of Technical Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Carlton W. Barrett died on March 3, 1986, in Yountville, California, and is buried at Napa Valley Memorial Gardens; 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, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Sergeant Carlton William Barrett 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 celebrate the life and achievements of Technical Sergeant Carlton William Barrett.