

## 2013-J4723

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John Canale upon the occasion of his selection as the 2014 Veteran of the Year by the Veteran's Council of Oswego

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, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend those who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John Canale upon the occasion of his selection as the 2014 Veteran of the Year by the Veteran's Council of Oswego on Saturday, May 24, 2014; and

WHEREAS, John Canale was chosen for this prestigious honor in infinite gratitude and appreciation for his noble service to his country; and

WHEREAS, John Canale, a United States Army Veteran, served his country in the Battle of the Bulge, helping to beat back Hitler's Ardennes Offensive during the winter of 1944-45 during World War II; and

WHEREAS, John Canale has served as Chairman of the Oswego Battle of the Bulge Veterans whose members perform educational services for their neighbors and friends, sharing their stories and military traditions with new generations; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable veteran remains active in his community; he is a substitute teacher at Oswego High School and is the author of two recently published books; and

WHEREAS, John Canale also served as a city alderman in the city of Oswego for 21 years; he is a member of the SUNY Oswego Athletic Hall of Fame and the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife of 61 years, Angeline Canale, who served as a Lieutenant in the Army Nurses Corps, and who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements; 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 risked their lives for their beloved Nation; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, John Canale has 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 honor John Canale upon the occasion of his selection as the 2014 Veteran of the Year by the Veteran's Council of Oswego; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Canale.