

## 2015-J2862

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John J. Swedick posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor A Veteran Ceremony on July 6, 2015

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; 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John J. Swedick posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor A Veteran Ceremony on Monday, July 6, 2015, at the American Legion Joseph E. Zaloga Post No. 1520, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1993, a committee was formed by the Albany County Veterans Bureau known as the Albany County Honor A Veteran Committee; the committee was formed to honor a deceased Albany County veteran who has served his country in time of conflict; the Honor A Veteran Program takes place monthly on the first Monday of each month; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous and dedicated service to his country, John J. Swedick will be recognized posthumously at this year's July Honor A Veteran Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, John J. Swedick was born on February 23, 1914, in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, In March of 1944, John J. Swedick enlisted in the United States Army, proudly serving his country as a Private in the 2nd Infan-

try Division, 23rd Infantry Regiment, K Company; and

WHEREAS, This courageous soldier took part in the famous Battle of the Bulge, and was involved in both the Rhineland and Ardennes-Alsace Campaigns; and

WHEREAS, On December 17, 1944, Private John J. Swedick was killed in action while serving in Rocherath, Belgium; and

WHEREAS, For his bravery, Private John J. Swedick was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Presidential Unit Citation, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, Belgian Fourragere, EAME Campaign Medal with two Service Stars, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Honorable Service Lapel Pin; 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 their patriotism both at home and abroad, these men and women demonstrated their love for their country and merit forevermore, the highest respect of their 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 J. Swedick posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor A Veteran Ceremony on July 6, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution; suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of John J. Swedick.