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Senate Resolution No. 1404

BY: Senator MARCHIONE

HONORING Keith R. Gallup posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

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 honor Keith R. Gallup posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate, to be presented at the Rensselaer County Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Senate Liberty Medal was established by resolution and is awarded to individuals who have merited special commendation for exceptional, heroic, or humanitarian acts on behalf of their fellow New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, Born on October 24, 1931, in Schenectady, New York, Keith R. Gallup was the son of Harold and Hilda (Smith) Gallup; and

WHEREAS, Keith R. Gallup valiantly served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps from August 22, 1950 to August 21, 1954, during which time he achieved the rank of Sergeant and received the Good Conduct Award; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Keith R. Gallup married his wife, Evelyn Davley, on February 12, 1955, in Sharon Springs, New York; and

WHEREAS, Keith R. Gallup retired from Conrail in Selkirk, New York, where he served as a car control clerk; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to his community, Keith R. Gallup was a life member of the VFW Post No. 14000 and the Marine Corps League PLM 9409 of Albany; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife Evelyn, Keith R. Gallup is survived by his children, Richard (Donna), Barbara (James), Janet and Diane (Gary), as well as nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; 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, Keith R. Gallup 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 Keith R. Gallup posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Liberty Medal, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Keith R. Gallup.