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Senate Resolution No. 1731

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Edward F. Dougherty posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony on May 8, 2017

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 long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Edward F. Dougherty posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony to be celebrated on Monday, May 8, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Edward F. Dougherty was born to Helen (McGraw) and John J. Dougherty, Sr. on October 25, 1922, in Troy, New York; he attended Saint Patrick's School, and La Salle Institute in Troy; and

WHEREAS, Edward F. Dougherty served his country as a member of the United States Navy as a Machinist Mate 3rd Class aboard the combat ships USS Dixie and McCord (DD-534) during World War II 1942-1945; and

WHEREAS, After his discharge, Edward F. Dougherty worked at American Locomotive Works, Borden Dairy, and retired from the Public Utilities Department of the City of Troy Water Works; in addition, he owned and operated Brownie's Tavern; and

WHEREAS, Edward F. Dougherty was an active and vital force in his community; he was a member of the Rensselaer County Taverns Association, and the 112st Lansingburgh Softball Team; and

WHEREAS, Edward F. Dougherty's favorite pastimes were hunting and fishing; he was both the founder and an officer of the North Troy Stag Rod and Gun Club; and

WHEREAS, Edward F. Dougherty died on January 3, 1976, at the age of 53; and

WHEREAS, Edward F. Dougherty is survived by his wife of 30 years, Dorothy (Zampier) Dougherty; his two sons, Edward F. Dougherty and Kenneth Dougherty; one daughter, Deborah West; seven grandchildren, Kevin, Lisa, Kim, Kerry, Christy, Cheryl and Christopher; and two sisters, Helen Rita Fogarty and Jean Marie Will; as well as three brothers, John J. Dougherty, Jr., Francis Daniel Dougherty, and Thomas P. Dougherty; 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 Edward F. Dougherty posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony on May 8, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Edward F. Dougherty.