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Senate Resolution No. 2813

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Joseph Francis Fagan posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor A Veteran Ceremony on July 10, 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 Joseph Francis Fagan posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor A Veteran Ceremony on Monday, July 10, 2017, at the American Legion Joseph E. Zaloga Post 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, Joseph Francis Fagan will be recognized at this year's June Honor A Veteran Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Francis Fagan, who died in 1918, at the age of 25, proudly served his country with honor and distinction from April 15, 1917 through June 13, 1918, as a member of the United States Marines during the First World War; and

WHEREAS, A Corporal of the 45th Company, 5th Regiment, 2nd Division, Joseph Francis Fagan was awarded numerous medals and commendations for his unremitting dedication to his country; 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 Joseph Francis Fagan posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor A Veteran Ceremony on July 10, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Joseph Francis Fagan.