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Senate Resolution No. 3084

BY: Senator MARCHIONE

HONORING Walter C. Morris 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 Walter C. Morris 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 Saratoga 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 August 21, 1937, to John S. and Evelyn (Quinon) Morris in Ghent, New York, Walter C. Morris attended Philmont Public School before working as a construction machine operator; and

WHEREAS, Walter C. Morris entered the United States Army on August 4, 1956, in Albany, New York; upon successfully completing basic training at Fort Dix, he was trained as a Bridge Specialist; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Walter C. Morris received military courses in Chemical, Biological and Radiological Training, Survival/Escape and Evasion, Military Justice and Code of Conduct, earning the rank of Specialist 4; and

WHEREAS, Walter C. Morris was then assigned to Schwetzingen, Germany, where he met and married his wife Doris Frank in Mannheim on September 26, 1957; and

WHEREAS, After his tour of duty, this brave soldier was assigned to Headquarters and Service Co., 91st Combat Engineers Battalion, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia, as a Bridge Specialist with the United States Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, Walter C. Morris was then transferred to the United States Army Reserves with II US Army Corps of Engineers and was honorably discharged on August 31, 1962; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his valiant military service, Walter C. Morris worked for Sherman's Cement Plant, then as a tractor trailer driver for Harder's Express, and finally as a Columbia County Veteran's Van Driver until his retirement in 2012; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to his community, Walter C. Morris was a shop steward for the Teamsters Union Local No. 294, a member of the American Legion, Korean War Veterans and a volunteer at the VA hospital; and

WHEREAS, Walter C. Morris died on April 29, 2014, at the age of 76; he is survived by his daughter, Susan; a sister, Dorothy; a brother, Alfred; and two grandchildren, Andrew and Olivia; 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, Walter C. Morris 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 Walter C. Morris 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 Walter C. Morris.