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Senate Resolution No. 3492

BY: Senator MARCHIONE

HONORING Joseph C. Rustin, Sr. 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 Joseph C. Rustin, Sr. 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 May 29, 1937, in Glens Falls, New York, Joseph C. Rustin, Sr. proudly served his country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Navy from November 10, 1954 to May 22, 1958; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Joseph C. Rustin, Sr. went to work at Leaseway of Eastern New York; he went on to work for Leo's Overhead Doors before retiring from LeRoy Holding; he was a proud member of the American Legion of Cohoes and the VFW of Waterford; and

WHEREAS, Joseph C. Rustin, Sr. died on July 19, 2015; he is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Martha; five children, Maryellen (Russell), Joseph Jr., David, Karen and Eric; five grandchildren, Kjelene, Evan, Adam, Dante and Timothy; three brothers, Irvin (Carm), Thomas (Dawn), and John (Carolyn); and two sisters, Ellen (Paul) and Phyllis; 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, Joseph C. Rustin, Sr. 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 Joseph C. Rustin, Sr. 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 Joseph C. Rustin, Sr.