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Senate Resolution No. 3495

BY: Senator MARCHIONE

HONORING Paul T. Rustin 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 Paul T. Rustin 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 March 22, 1936, in Glens Falls, New York, Paul T. Rustin proudly served his country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Navy aboard the USS Des Moines from April 6, 1954 to January 25, 1957; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service, Paul T. Rustin was awarded the Navy Occupation Medal and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Paul T. Rustin spent his career in the auto body industry; and

WHEREAS, Paul T. Rustin died on April 12, 2016; he is survived by his wife, Barbara; three sons, Wayne, Paul Jr. and Doug; two step-children, Karen and Jeff; three brothers, Irvin (Carm), Thomas (Dawn) and John (Carolyn); two sisters, Ellen (Paul) and Phyllis; two grandchildren, Wayne and Dillon; two step-grandchildren, Lavinia and Kiera; and one great-granddaughter; 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, Paul T. Rustin 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 Paul T. Rustin 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 Paul T. Rustin.