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## Senator Murphy Salutes WWII Veteran

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Montrose, NY - There is a tried and true saying that applies to virtually every sailor who has ever put on a uniform - "Join the Navy and the See the World." Not only did Frank Tempestelli see the world - he helped save it.

Now nearing his 91st birthday and living in quiet retirement at the New York State Veterans Home in Montrose, Mr. Tempestelli can still recall the anxious days of the Second World War when the United States was locked in a desperate struggle for its survival against the

Japanese Empire.

In honor of Mr. Tempestelli's bravery and his esteemed service, Senator Terrence Murphy recently visited the nursing home to present him with a Senate proclamation.

"Frank Tempestelli is a great role model who served his country with honor," said Senator Murphy. "He protected the world against an enemy threatening our families and our very beliefs. The world we live in and the freedoms we enjoy would not be possible without men like Frank."

Mr. Tempestelli enlisted in the United States Navy in 1943 when he was just 17-years-old. He served on aircraft carrier U.S.S. Wasp, which garnered 13 battle stars. The Wasp participated in five invasions and two major campaigns, including pivotal Battle of the Philippine Sea. He also participated in raids the carrier conducted on Japan and enemy-held islands, including Saipan, Tinian, and Mindanao.

During his service, Mr. Tempestelli passed through the Panama Canal twice and crossed the Equator twice as well. He also survived two typhoons and one hurricane. Mr. Tempestelli was discharged in March of 1946 with the rank of Gunners Mate 3rd Class.