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Senate Resolution No. 5307

BY: Senator BRESLIN

COMMENDING Jean L. Dupuis Sr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the United States Postal Service on May 25, 2018

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 peace-time, deserve a special salute; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Jean L. Dupuis Sr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the United States Postal Service to be celebrated at its Memorial Day Ceremony on Friday, May 25, 2018, at the United States Postal Service's General Mail Facility in Colonie, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born in Rumford, Maine, Jean L. Dupuis Sr. and his parents moved to Albany, New York, when he was five years old; after graduating from St. Joseph's Academy High School, Jean enlisted in the United States Navy Reserves at the age of 17; and

WHEREAS, Jean L. Dupuis Sr. proudly served his country from

1964-1966 aboard the USS Severn during the Vietnam War; he was a ship hand's serviceman and worked directly with the ship's personnel by operating and managing resale activities such as ship stores, commissary stores and Navy Exchange retail stores; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Jean L. Dupuis Sr. married his high school sweetheart, the former Susan Mastaitis; together, the couple raised six children; and

WHEREAS, For 20 years, Jean L. Dupuis Sr. worked as a craftsman and carpenter with his father for their family business, Dupuis Drywall, taping and sheet rocking; and

WHEREAS, In January of 1980, Jean L. Dupuis Sr. began his long and distinguished career as a mail processing equipment mechanic with the United States Postal Service; he officially retired after 25 years of keeping the post office's machines operating at peak efficiency, and

WHEREAS, Jean L. Dupuis Sr. was a vital part of the Boy Scouts of America for 31 years, beginning as an active parent when his sons were young, and then scout leader when they were older; after the boys grew up, he continued to be a role model for the Scouts serving in many capacities such as Assistant District Commissioner of the Fort Orange District of the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, When he was not working or helping someone, Jean L. Dupuis Sr. enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially camping; and

WHEREAS, Jean L. Dupuis Sr. died on October 10, 2005, at the age of 60; he is survived by his wife, Susan, six children, and 12 grandchildren; 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, 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, celebrated 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 commend Jean L. Dupuis Sr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the United States Postal Service on May 25, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Jean L. Dupuis Sr.