Senate Resolution No. 5426

BY: Senator BRESLIN

COMMENDING Edward F. Hurley posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor A Veteran Ceremony on June 4, 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, 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Edward F. Hurley posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor A Veteran Ceremony on Monday, June 4, 2018, aboard the USS Slater in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1993, a committee was formed by the Albany County Veterans Bureau known as the Albany County Honor A Veteran Committee; the committee was formed to honor a deceased Albany County veteran who has served his country in time of conflict; the Honor A Veteran Program takes place monthly on the first Monday of each month; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous and dedicated service to his country, Edward F. Hurley will be recognized posthumously at this year's June Honor A Veteran Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Edward F. Hurley was born on January 28, 1928, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, From 1948-1952, Edward F. Hurley proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy during the Korean War; he was assigned to USNR-V6 aboard the USS Tarawa CV-40 where he held the rank of Machinist Mate L3; and

WHEREAS, For his bravery, this courageous soldier was awarded the Navy Occupation Service Medal with European Clasp; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Edward F. Hurley returned to the Capital District where he worked for BASF Corporation and served as Director of the Albany County Veterans Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Edward F. Hurley also held the title of Commander of American Legion Fort Orange Post 30; and

WHEREAS, Edward F. Hurley died on November 18, 2013, in Albany, New York, at the age of 85; 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, 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 commend Edward F. Hurley posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor A Veteran Ceremony on June 4, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Edward F. Hurley.