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Senate Resolution No. 5924

BY: Senator MARCHIONE

COMMENDING Joseph G. Campbell 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 commend Joseph G. Campbell 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

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, Joseph G. Campbell and his twin brother, John, were born in Colonie, New York on September 1, 1911, two of nine children, to James and Mary (Martley) Campbell; he graduated from St. John's Academy in Rensselaer in 1930; and

WHEREAS, Joseph G. Campbell began his military service as a member of the United States Army on March 3, 1944, in Fort Dix, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Assigned to Company B, 14th Infantry, Joseph G. Campbell served as a rifleman in combat with the 71st Division; using an M1 rifle to take and hold enemy positions, this brave soldier was often given the tremendous responsibility of acting as first scout; and

WHEREAS, Proficient in the use of other infantry weapons such as machine guns and mortar, Joseph G. Campbell valiantly served in France and Germany for 12 months; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service during World War II, Joseph G. Campbell received the European-African-Middle Eastern (EAME) Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and the WWII Victory Medal; in addition, he received battle stars for the Rhineland and Central Germany campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Joseph G. Campbell was honorably discharged from the United States Army on January 16, 1946, at the esteemed rank of Private First Class; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Joseph G. Campbell worked as the owner and operator of Campbell's Sunoco Service Station in Rensselaer for more than 45 years; and

WHEREAS, Joseph G. Campbell married his loving wife, Henrietta

(Matson) Campbell on September 19, 1938; together, they raised three wonderful daughters, Barbara, Carol Susan, and Deborah; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished fisherman, Joseph G. Campbell was a member of the Gerald O'Neil VFW Post, the E.F. Hart Hose No. 3 Volunteer Fire Department, and the Knights of Columbus, all in Rensselaer; and

WHEREAS, Joseph G. Campbell was the proud grandfather of seven grandchildren, Kathleen, Sheila, Janice, Elizabeth, James, Eileen and David as well as 11 great-grandchildren, Joseph, Ethan, Christopher, Rory Joseph, Mackenzie, Emma, Sarah, John, Gavin, Maci and Michael; and

WHEREAS, Joseph G. Campbell died on February 16, 1988, and is buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in East Greenbush, New York; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Joseph G. Campbell 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 commend Joseph G. Campbell 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 G. Campbell.