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Senate Resolution No. 2591

BY: Senator STEWART-COUSINS

HONORING the distinguished veterans from the State  
of New York upon the occasion of their induction  
into the New York State Senate 2023 Veterans Hall of  
Fame

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 the  
distinguished veterans from the State of New York upon the occasion of  
their induction into the New York State Senate 2023 Veterans Hall of  
Fame; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame inductees  
are members of any branch of the United States Armed Forces which  
include Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, and Marine Corps; these  
exceptional men and women are chosen for this prestigious honor based on  
either service in combat or notable work performed after discharge from  
the service; and

WHEREAS, The 2023 inductees include: Murat Akaydin, LaShaun Benjamin  
Sr., Justin Berbig, Clayton W. Bihl, Stephen C. Biscotti, Floyd Sanford  
Bonds, Jr., Richard L. Butterfield, Edwin Cartoski, Anthony Catalano,

Joseph M. Cetta, Kathy Dean, Melissa del Valle-Ortiz, Stephen Delorenzo, Joshua Jose Diaz, Herbert J. Dunmore, Jr., Chester Edwards, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Engel, Jr., James Fitzgerald, Peter Fiumefreddo, Joseph A. Gentiluomo, Ryan Graham, Frederick Gundel, Charles Lee Hinkleman Sr., Ann Marie Hogancamp, Christopher Holshek, Marie Carmel Houanche, Richie Jarcho, William R. Joyce, Howard Kalachman, Vanessa A. Lee, Gregory T. Lee, James Lint, Mike Liquori, Herbert C. Loesch, Alexander Mandara, David Mann, Peter Maraday, Hector Carmelo Montes, Thomas Mooney, Charles A. Navarino, Tricia Navarro-Caraballo, John Nonna, Michael Ortiz, Ralph J. Osterhoudt, Sr., Katherine Quinones, Samuel Ravelo, Richard Redmond, Yashira Rodriguez, First Sergeant Joseph Ronda, Frank Russo, Robert R. Spieler, Annie L. Suggs, Andrew Swarthout, Tristie L. Tappin, Joseph A. Thompson, Michael Louis Vulcano, Ruth Welch, Kenneth W. Winkler; and

WHEREAS, The banner of freedom will always wave over our beloved New York and all of America, the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave; and

WHEREAS, The freedoms and security we cherish as Americans come at a very high price for those serving in the military in times of conflict; it is fitting and proper that we, who are the beneficiaries of those who risk their lives, must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country; 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 the distinguished veterans from the State of New York upon the occasion of their induction into the New York State Senate 2023 Veterans Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the 2023 inductees.