

## 2015-J290

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joseph Edward DeGeorge posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on February 2, 2015

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; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend these 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 Joseph Edward DeGeorge posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on Monday, February 2, 2015, at the American Legion Joseph E. Zaloga Post 1520, 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 to honor deceased Albany County veterans who have served their 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, Joseph Edward DeGeorge will be recognized at this year's February Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Edward DeGeorge, who died in 1997, at the age of 70, served his country with honor and distinction from March 14, 1944 through May 13, 1946, as a member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, A Seaman 2nd Class on the USS Missouri, Joseph Edward

DeGeorge was awarded the American Theatre Medal, Asiatic Pacific Medal with three stars, and the Victory Medal; 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 honor Joseph Edward DeGeorge posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on February 2, 2015; and be it further

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