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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating World War II Veteran Edward Michael Palmer upon the occasion of receiving an Honorary High School Diploma on June 27, 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 from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate World War II Veteran Edward Michael Palmer upon the occasion of receiving an Honorary High School Diploma; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, June 27, 2015, Liberty High School will bestow an Honorary High School Diploma to World War II veteran Edward Michael Palmer, an octogenarian who, instead of graduating, joined the United States Armed Forces; he celebrated his 89th Birthday on Sunday, May 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Operation Recognition, created by Section 305 of the New York State Education Law, recognizes the devotion and sacrifice of World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam Era veterans who left school early by presenting them with a high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, To be eligible, a veteran must meet the following requirements: be a New York State resident, engaged in active duty service for at least one day during one of the following wartime periods: World War II: December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946, Korea: June 27, 1950 - January 31, 1955, Vietnam: May 1, 1961 - April 30, 1975, and received a satisfactory discharge from military service; and

WHEREAS, A Purple Heart recipient, Edward Michael Palmer would have been a member of the Liberty High School graduating class of 1944; upon joining the United States Army, he proudly served his country as a

member of the 15th Infantry, 3rd Division where he was assigned to the European Theater of World War II; in this capacity, this valiant soldier was wounded six times and participated in the Battle of the Bulge; 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 his patriotism both at home and abroad, Edward Michael Palmer 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 congratulate World War II Veteran Edward Michael Palmer upon the occasion of receiving an Honorary High School Diploma on June 27, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Edward Michael Palmer.