

## 2015-J2491

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Arcangelo Bollella 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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the caring concern and heroic acts of those exemplary citizens, who take prompt and appropriate action in emergency situations, and in doing so, help others to avert life-threatening danger; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Arcangelo Bollella 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, to be celebrated at the Veterans' Appreciation Day on Sunday, June 14, 2015, at The Eliot at Catskill; 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, In addition to receiving the auspicious Liberty Medal, Arcangelo Bollella was inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame, which recognizes outstanding veterans from throughout the State who have distinguished themselves in their military service, as well as their civilian life; and

WHEREAS, At the young age of 18, Arcangelo Bollella emigrated from Italy to the United States; three years later, he proudly became a member of the United States Army, and returned to Italy to fight for his new country in the Mediterranean Theater with the 36th Infantry Divi-

sion; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Arcangelo Bollella acquitted himself valiantly throughout the Naples-Foggia Campaign, and consequently, was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service during ground operations against the enemy; and

WHEREAS, Unfortunately, Private First Class Arcangelo Bollella was wounded during the war; subsequently, he spent three years recuperating in a hospital; and

WHEREAS, After his release from the hospital, Arcangelo Bollella held the position of Elevator Operator for the Veterans' Administration, serving his fellow veterans; he went on to attain the rank of Special Tactical Police Officer, the official title from which he retired; and

WHEREAS, Along with the Bronze Star, Private First Class Arcangelo Bollella was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Purple Heart, the World War II Victory Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge, as well as the European, African, and Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with two stars; and

WHEREAS, Arcangelo Bollella, through his spontaneous and heroic actions, demonstrated his character and his compassion for the welfare of others, personifying, by virtue of his actions, the collective concern of ordinary citizens across the community of the State of New York who voluntarily respond when others are in need of help; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Arcangelo Bollella 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 Arcangelo Bollella.