



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Charles J. Fuschillo Jr.

Senate Passes Fuschillo Resolution Memorializing the Life of North Merrick Veteran Bill Halleran

CHARLES J. FUSCHILLO JR. February 1, 2012

Senator Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr. (R-Merrick) announced that the New York State Senate recently passed a legislative resolution memorializing the life of North Merrick veteran Irving William “Bill” Halleran, who passed away in December at the age of 93.

“Bill Halleran was a very special person who loved his country and community and served them both with distinction. Whether it was as a member of the Navy, as an American Legion member, or a volunteer fireman, Bill never hesitated to lend a helping hand to those in need. I’m pleased that the Senate paid tribute to an incredible man who leaves behind an incredible legacy,” said Senator Fuschillo, who sponsored the resolution.

Mr. Halleran served our nation for six and a half years as a member of the United States Navy. He was serving on board the USS Phoenix at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 when it was attacked by the Japanese, bringing the United States into World War II.

Mr. Halleran served his community in the same dedicated manner he served his country. He moved to Merrick with his wife and family in 1949 and developed deep roots in the community. He was an active member of American Legion Post 1282 and served in the North Merrick Fire Department for over 60 years.

Mr. Halleran is survived by his wife Rose Marie, his three sons William, Frank, and Scott, eight grand-children and 10 great-grandchildren.

With the Senate passage of the legislative resolution, Bill Halleran's accomplishments and record of service will forever be part of the New York State Senate's official record.

Text of the Legislative Resolution

Senate Resolution No. 2875

BY: Senator FUSCHILLO

MOURNING the death of Irving William Halleran, Pearl Harbor survivor, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Irving William "Bill" Halleran of North Merrick, New York, died on Friday, December 9, 2011, at the age of 93; and

WHEREAS, Irving William Halleran distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Irving William Halleran's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Irving William Halleran is survived by his wife, Rose Marie Halleran; and his three sons, William D. (Betty) Halleran, Frank (the late Carol) Halleran and Scott (Linda) Halleran; as well as eight grandchildren, Tina Thomann, Bill Jr., Rick, Beth, Tom, Elizabeth, Scott Jr. and Emily, and 10 great-grandchildren, Garrit, Emilee, Issac, Tanner, Brock, Caleb, Blake, Madison, Jessica and Felicia; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Irving William Halleran leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Irving William Halleran, Pearl Harbor survivor, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Irving William Halleran.