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For far too long in American history, veterans have had to suffer the agony of countless untold stories – stories of heroism and obstacles overcome, like that of the Tuskegee Airmen and the Buffalo Soldiers – stories from aunts and uncles, grandmothers and grandfathers, friends and neighbors, stories passed down through generations that did not make their way into the history books and stories of what it has meant to serve our country.

Robert Taitt is a veteran of such stories. He migrated to New York City from St. Thomas parish in Barbados, seeking a better life. Mr. Taitt struggled growing up to provide for his family, working double shifts for many years. Growing up as a third generation Barbadian, he knew the value of hard work and appreciated opportunity. Mr. Taitt served our country bravely in the United States Army during the country's most difficult times.

The freedoms and principles that we cherish as Americans come at a very high price for those serving in the military during times of conflict, and so it is fitting and proper that we never forget the courage with which these men and women have served. Our nation's veterans, like Robert Taitt, deserve to be recognized, commended and thanked by the people of the State of New York for their military service and for their dedication to their nation.