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Senate Resolution No. 1403

BY: Senator MARCHIONE

HONORING Edward F. Dougherty posthumously 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, 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 honor Edward F. Dougherty posthumously 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 presented at the Rensselaer County Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony; 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, Born on October 25, 1922, in Troy New York, Edward F. Dougherty was a 1941 graduate of LaSalle Institute; and

WHEREAS, Edward F. Dougherty valiantly served his country as a member of the United States Navy during the Second World War; a Machinist Mate 3rd Class, he served in the Pacific Theatre aboard two combat ships, the USS Dixie and the USS McCord; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service on September 28, 1945, Edward F. Dougherty married his wife, the late Dorothy Zampier, on January 2, 1945, in San Pedro, California; and

WHEREAS, The former owner of the Brownie Tavern in Troy for several years, Edward F. Dougherty also served as a supervisor foreman for the City of Troy Water Bureau; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to his community, Edward F. Dougherty was a communicant of St. Augustine's Church and a member of the Sullivan Jones Post VFW in Poestenkill; he was also the co-founder of the Stag and Rod Gun Club of Troy as well as a member of the Rensselaer County Taverns Association and CSEA of Troy; and

WHEREAS, Edward F. Dougherty is survived by his three loving children, Edward, Deborah and Kenneth, as well as his seven beautiful grandchildren, Kevin, Lisa, Kim, Kerry, Christy, Cheryl and Cristopher; 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 F. Dougherty 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 honor Edward F. Dougherty posthumously 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 the family of Edward F. Dougherty.