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Senate Resolution No. 4260

BY: Senator MARCHIONE

HONORING Lewis Henry Mueller 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 Lewis Henry Mueller 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 Columbia County Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony on Monday, March 26, 2018; 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 August 23, 1924, to William and Mae (Helsey) Mueller in Germantown, New York, Lewis Henry Mueller attended Hudson High School; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Henry Mueller worked for Stottville Mills as a Garnet machine operator before enlisting in the United States Navy on January 12, 1943; after basic training at Sampson, New York, he received training as a gunners mate at Newport, Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, On December 1, 1943, 1st Class Petty Officer Gunners Mate Lewis Henry Mueller reported aboard the USS LST 273, and on April 11, 1944, he was assigned to the USS LC (L) 1069 and attended AA Gunnery School; and

WHEREAS, This brave sailor actively served during the assault and occupation of Okinawa and Japan; he was honorably discharged at Lido Beach, Long Island on November 26, 1946; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service during World War II, Lewis Henry Mueller was awarded the American Theater of War and the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Ribbon with two bronze stars; and

WHEREAS, Following the completion of his military service, Lewis Henry Mueller married Hilda Ogden on March 29, 1947, and together they raised four children; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Henry Mueller was the owner and operator of Mueller's Grocery and the MGM Market; he also worked for the New York State

Assembly for 30 years, retiring as foreman of the printing department in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Lewis Henry Mueller was a member of the Federation of Polish Sportsmen, American Legion Post No. 184, VFW Post No. 1314, and H.W. Rogers Hose Company No. 2; and

WHEREAS, A communicant of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Lewis Henry Mueller died on July 21, 2017, at the age of 92; he will always be remembered as a kind and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, who was committed to helping people and his community; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Henry Mueller is survived by his wife, Hilda; four children, Gail, Carol, Alan and Colleen; seven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Lewis Henry Mueller 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 Lewis Henry Mueller 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 Lewis Henry Mueller.