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Senate Resolution No. 2205

BY: Senator JORDAN

COMMENDING Harold W. Krambeck 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, 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 commend Harold W. Krambeck 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 Veteran Ceremony on Monday, October 21, 2019; 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, Harold Wayne Krambeck was born on September 25, 1929, to Harry and Dorothy (Tietz) Krambeck in Moline, Illinois; he was raised in East Moline and is a graduate of United Township High School, Class of

1947; while attending school, he worked at John Deere Harvester; and

WHEREAS, On August 4, 1948, Harold W. Krambeck entered the United States Army in Rock Island, Illinois; following basic training, he was trained as a light weapons infantryman where he was a qualified expert with the M-1 Rifle; and

WHEREAS, Harold W. Krambeck was assigned to Company A, 3rd Infantry at Fort Myers, Virginia, which was known as the "Old Guard" and is the Army's official ceremonial unit, escort to the President, and provides security for Washington, DC; it is the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the United States Army, having served our Nation since 1784; and

WHEREAS, While serving in this famed unit, Harold W. Krambeck was promoted to Private First Class on July 15, 1949, and again to Corporal on October 3, 1950; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Harold W. Krambeck served as a Sentinel, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier with Company E, 3d Infantry Regiment and was authorized to wear the Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Identification Badge, as a permanent part of his uniform; and

WHEREAS, On June 15, 1952, Corporal Harold W. Krambeck was honorably discharged at Fort Myers; and

WHEREAS, Harold W. Krambeck married Elizabeth Altermer while serving in the Armed Services; together, they raised two wonderful sons, Wayne and Ronnie; in the summer of 1977, Harold was married again to Viola Alger in a private ceremony in Hudson, New York; and

WHEREAS, He worked as a mechanic with the Universal Match Factory,

in Hudson, before retiring after 32 years of devoted service; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Harold W. Krambeck was a member of the American Legion Post No. 184 for 34 years, where, for several years, he served as its Commander; and

WHEREAS, Harold W. Krambeck died on November 13, 2018, at the age of 88; he was interned in Cedar Park Cemetery, in Hudson, presided by an honor guard from his former unit; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his two sons, Harold W. Krambeck is survived by his wife, Viola; and five step-children, Sharon, Mike, David, Dennis and Cindy; as well as several nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; 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, Harold W. Krambeck 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 commend Harold W. Krambeck 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 Harold W. Krambeck.