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Senate Resolution No. 1279

BY: Senator JORDAN

COMMENDING Staff Sergeant Robert S. Darling 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 Staff Sergeant Robert S. Darling 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

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, Staff Sergeant Robert S. Darling of Catskill, New York, served his country as a member of the 302 Infantry Regiment, United States Army; he enlisted on October 12, 1942; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service during World War II, Staff

Sergeant Robert S. Darling was awarded the American Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and World War II Victory Medal; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Staff Sergeant Robert S. Darling was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation from the President of the United States for his extraordinary heroism in military operations against an armed enemy in Germany, March 6-7, 1945; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Robert S. Darling was honorably discharged from the United States Army on November 15, 1945, after three years of meritorious service; 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, Staff Sergeant Robert S. Darling demonstrated his love for his country and merits 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 Staff Sergeant Robert S. Darling 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 Staff Sergeant Robert S. Darling.