

## 2021-J1726

Senate Resolution No. 1726

BY: Senator RITCHIE

HONORING James Dillabough upon the occasion of his  
designation as recipient of the 2021 Oswego County  
Veteran of the Year Award

WHEREAS, Within every community there exists certain individuals who  
have played an important role in helping the people and families of  
Central New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge  
those individuals in Oswego County and New York State who have  
demonstrated great selflessness and care for one's community; and

WHEREAS, James Dillabough was recently honored by the Oswego County  
Legislature as Oswego County's 2021 Veteran of the Year; and

WHEREAS, James Dillabough enlisted in the United States Navy in 1961  
at the age of 17, attending boot camp at Great Lakes Training Center  
before being assigned to the U.S.S. Springfield CL G-7, a light cruiser  
missile-carrying warship; and

WHEREAS, This experienced veteran served in Spain and later in  
France, eventually serving as the personal driver for the Chief of Staff  
to the 6th fleet commander; and

WHEREAS, After completing his tour of duty, he came home to Oswego

and worked at Columbia Mills in Minetto, New York, and later for the Oswego City School District; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, James Dillabough tirelessly devoted thousands of hours to helping area veterans and his community, planting flags on Memorial Day, visiting hospitalized veterans, driving the Disabled American Veterans van, volunteering with the Elks Club, and performing other services to make life better for others; and

WHEREAS, Through his service to his country and his community, James Dillabough has made a lasting, positive impact on our region and our nation, making a difference in the lives of countless individuals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor James Dillabough upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2021 Oswego County Veteran of the Year Award, recognizing his contributions as a member of the United States Armed Services and as a dedicated member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Dillabough.