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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Senior Master Sergeant Joseph F. Gianetto II of the New York Air National Guard upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished military service

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to honor and acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives, military service and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Members and former 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 peace time, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, For the past 39 1/2 years, Senior Master Sergeant Joseph F. Gianetto II of the New York Air National Guard rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable military service to both the Nation and New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Senior Master Sergeant Joseph F. Gianetto II of the New York Air National Guard upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished military service; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on April 3, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Senior Master Sergeant Joseph F. Gianetto II is the NCOIC of the 174th Operations Group RC-26 Counterdrug program, Hancock Field Air National Guard Base, Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, Senior Master Sergeant Joseph F. Gianetto II entered the US Air Force in June of 1971, and was called to active duty in October of that year; and

WHEREAS, Upon completion of basic training, Senior Master Sergeant

Joseph F. Gianetto II began training as an Aircraft Maintenance Specialist at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas; and

WHEREAS, In May of 1973, Senior Master Sergeant Joseph F. Gianetto II was assigned to the 56th Special Operations Wing, Organizational Maintenance Squadron, Flight-line Branch, Nahkon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, in support of combat operations in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, After completing his tour in Southeast Asia, Senior Master Sergeant Joseph F. Gianetto II served with the 314th Tactical Airlift Wing, Field Maintenance Branch, and then with the 314th Headquarters Squadron as an Aircraft Job Controller coordinating the maintenance efforts on a fleet of more than 100 C-130E Hercules aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Upon being released from active duty in September of 1979, Senior Master Sergeant Joseph F. Gianetto II became a member of the 107th Fighter Interceptor Group, Organizational Maintenance Branch, of the New York Air National Guard, Niagara Falls, New York, and in January of 1980, was transferred to the 174th Fighter Wing; and

WHEREAS, While there, Senior Master Sergeant Joseph F. Gianetto II was assigned to the 174th Maintenance Squadron as Crew Chief on the A - 10A Thunderbolt aircraft; and

WHEREAS, In December of 1990, Senior Master Sergeant Joseph F. Gianetto II was called to active duty to Al Kharj Air Base, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm during the Persian Gulf War; and

WHEREAS, Senior Master Sergeant Joseph F. Gianetto II later served in Operation Northern Watch and then Operation Southern Watch in support of contingency operations against Iraq, while also performing over 40 days of active duty supporting Combat Air Patrol sorties in support of Operation Noble Eagle after the September 11th terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, On October 14, 2003, Senior Master Sergeant Joseph F. Gianetto II volunteered for his fourth Air Expeditionary Force deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism, and then was involved in combat

operations during Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Senior Master Sergeant Joseph F. Gianetto II was deployed to support Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he was assigned to the 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Group as a Senior Weapon Systems Controller and Shift Supervisor, coordinating maintenance operations for three different active duty and Air National Guard assigned aircraft supporting contingency operations through the Iraqi Theater; and

WHEREAS, Senior Master Sergeant Joseph F. Gianetto II holds multiple military decorations and service awards including: the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, with one oak cluster; the Air Force Achievement Medal, with five oak clusters; the National Defense Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, the Viet Nam Service Medal with one Bronze Star; the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; and the Humanitarian Service Medal, among others; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Senior Master Sergeant Joseph F. Gianetto II holds numerous New York State Awards and decorations including: New York State Military Commendation Medal; New York State Desert Storm Service Medal; New York State Conspicuous Service Cross, with one silver device; as well as being named the recipient of the Air National Guard Noncommissioned Officer Academy Graduate Association, Outstanding Graduate of the Year in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Senior Master Sergeant Joseph F. Gianetto II resides in Liverpool, New York, with his wife, Dale, and has three daughters Christina, Jennifer and Brynn Leigh, two sons, Ryan and Kegan, and one grandson, Nehemiah; and

WHEREAS, In all his official acts, Senior Master Sergeant Joseph F. Gianetto II was governed by a sense of loyalty, duty and honor, that allowed him to be a natural leader; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his extraordinary and outstanding military, professional, and civilian careers, Senior Master Sergeant Joseph F. Gianetto II has earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his friends, family and colleagues; 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 the Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Senior Master Sergeant Joseph F. Gianetto II of the New York Air National Guard upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished military service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Senior Master Sergeant Joseph F. Gianetto II.