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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring James L. Terry upon the occasion of his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant General

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who dedicate their lives to military service merit the commendation and applause of all citizens for their commitment to the preservation of American freedom; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor James L. Terry upon the occasion of his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant General; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his promotion, Lieutenant General James L. Terry was also nominated to take command of V Corps, United States Army Europe and Seventh Army; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General James L. Terry, who commanded the 10th Mountain Division since 2009, was most recently deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan as commander of NATO's Regional Command South; and

WHEREAS, In the mid-1990s, Lieutenant General James L. Terry served in the division as Commander of the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment and deployed to Haiti during Operation Restore Democracy; he also became Assistant Division Commander for Operations for the division in 2004, and deployed with the unit to Afghanistan in 2006, as the Deputy Commanding General of Operations; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Lieutenant General James L. Terry has served as a Brigade Commander with the 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, and was deployed to Kuwait, Kosovo, and Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General James L. Terry will begin his new assign-

ment overseeing troops in Heidelberg, Germany for six or seven months before heading back to Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, After spending seven years of his life at Fort Drum, Lieutenant General James L. Terry mentioned that he was particularly proud of the efforts made under his watch to support resiliency programs for soldiers and family members and hopes he will be remembered at Fort Drum for a legacy of openness with the local media and civilian community; and

WHEREAS, The dedication and sacrifices of our military personnel ensure our continued role as a Nation which embodies the ideals of democracy, and is a defender of liberty for peoples throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so faithfully and courageously in wars in which our Nation's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace during peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor James L. Terry upon the occasion of his promotion to the rank of Lieutenant General; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lieutenant General James L. Terry.