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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending veteran Sergeant David Terrance Fox for his distinguished service to his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps

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 the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women have served their country; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend veteran Sergeant David Terrance Fox for his distinguished service to his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Born September 1, 1948, David Terrance Fox served as a member of the United States Marine Corps for four years, two and a half years of which he spent in Foreign Service with the First Marine Air Wing in the Republic of South Vietnam, and then aboard the USS Guam/Second Marine Air Wing in the Peruvian Disaster Relief; he engaged in over 2,000 hours of combat fights in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, David Terrance Fox, at the time a Lance Corporal, received the Distinguished Flying Cross for Heroism and Extraordinary Achievement in aerial flight while serving with the (HMM) Helicopter Squadron 161 Provisional Marine Air Group 39 during an emergency rescue mission of two reconnaissance teams heavily engaged in combat on May 15, 1969; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Fox's courage, superior professionalism and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of great danger were instrumental in the accomplishment of the hazardous mission, and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United

States Naval Service; this year will mark the 45th Anniversary of this exemplary soldier's act of valor; and

WHEREAS, In addition, David Terrance Fox earned numerous Decorations some of which include, New York State Conspicuous Service Cross with ten Gold and three Silver Cross Attachments, Air Medal with No. 53 (Strike Flight Awards), Marine Air Crewman's Badge with three Combat Stars, Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, and the New York State Conspicuous Service Star with two Silver Shields; and

WHEREAS, After returning home to New York State, David Terrance "Terry" Fox was appointed to the Troy Fire Department as a Firefighter in 1977; in 1980, he was trained as a Paramedic and was subsequently promoted to Lieutenant in 1986, and then Captain in 1994; and

WHEREAS, David Terrance Fox has exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, demonstrating his love for his country and meriting 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 veteran Sergeant David Terrance Fox for his distinguished service to his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David Terrance Fox.