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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Army Week Association for its dedication and commitment to service men, women and veterans

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 on behalf of the people of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend those who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Army Week Association (AWA) for its dedication and commitment to service men, women and veterans; and

WHEREAS, Since the Army birthday concept was conceived in 2011, it has grown to incorporate not only the birthdate of the United States Army on June 14th itself, but to also include a week of special events aimed at creating awareness and response to issues facing returning veterans; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, AWA hosted a series of events in Manhattan which helped raise funds to benefit national nonprofit organizations which support veterans, servicemen and women, as well as their families; and

WHEREAS, The AWA continues to enhance its service to the military community; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the AWA will expand the educational events it provides for returning service people and their families; in addition, the Association welcomes home troops in a proper manner befitting their service to the United States, and to help them to transition back to their civilian life; and

WHEREAS, The AWA is a veteran-owned and run small business and is

creating a series of educational panels and events in the New York City area to educate and empower those with needs and also inform and influence those who are in position to change the way we treat veterans and their families when they return to their communities; and

WHEREAS, The AWA, while serving the New York metropolitan area, is planning to offer its services to all returning service veterans nationwide; and

WHEREAS, While many organizations help support returning service members and are willing to create a community to welcome them home, the AWA helps veterans find the best programs to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the AWA is to create awareness of these issues and more importantly to provide awareness of and connection to the organizations which are best equipped to help these returning veterans; 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 the Army Week Association for its dedication and commitment to service men, women and veterans; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Army Week Association.