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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Anthony Zippo upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Orange County Veterans Service Agency

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who are devoted to the welfare of their community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Anthony Zippo upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Orange County Veterans Service Agency; and

WHEREAS, Born in Schwab Hall, Germany, on March 14, 1947, Anthony Zippo grew up in Rockland County, New York, and later became a resident of Orange County, New York; and

WHEREAS, A 1980 graduate of Mercy College, Anthony Zippo holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration; he is a five-year veteran of the United States Navy, serving two tours of duty in Vietnam as an explosives expert; he received an Honorable Discharge in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Zippo was employed by the United States Postal Service for two decades, holding positions as mail carrier, supervisor, and postal manager; and

WHEREAS, In addition, for 10 years Anthony Zippo was the Local Veterans Employment Representative for the New York State Department of Labor, monitoring service to veterans and assisting them in finding

employment; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Zippo has served as Director of the Orange County Veterans Service Agency for the past 13 years, and will officially

retire from this esteemed position on Friday, January 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as Director of the Orange County Veterans Service Agency, Anthony Zippo led the effort to create a VA Veterans' Center in Orange County for the treatment of returning combat veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder; he improved the Orange County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, supervised over 2,000 interments in the cemetery, increased the veterans' outreach program, and organized and supervised the Orange County Veterans Food Pantry and Veterans' Van; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of Anthony Zippo, the Orange County Veterans Service Agency has been declared by the VA Regional Office to be number one in the region in number of claims processed and the number of funding awards achieved for the veterans of Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Active within his community, Anthony Zippo served as Treasurer for the Orange County American Legion, RECAP, and the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor; he is an accredited representative of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he sits on the Board of Directors of the Castle Point Veterans Administration - Medical Center, the Veterans Administration Medical Center at Montrose, and the Orange County Veterans Coalition; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demon-

strated by Anthony Zippo over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who

enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Anthony Zippo upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Orange County Veterans Service Agency; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anthony Zippo.