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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Colonel Lee H. Schiller, Jr. upon the occasion of his selection as Keynote Speaker at the 49th Annual Four Chaplains Memorial Service celebrated on Sunday, February 23, 2014

WHEREAS, Individuals who give of their time and energy and serve the best interests of their communities are an asset beyond remuneration and cannot be sufficiently extolled; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Lee H. Schiller, Jr. has given not only of his time and energy but also of his competence, intelligence and leadership and, consequently, has been designated for special recognition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Colonel Lee H. Schiller, Jr. upon the occasion of his selection as Keynote Speaker by the Jewish War Veterans of the United States Post No. 105 at the 49th Annual Four Chaplains Memorial Service held at the Samuel S. Stratton Veterans Affairs Medical Center Chapel on Sunday, February 23, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Four Chaplains Memorial Service is celebrated annually to honor individuals for outstanding participation and service in activities which exemplify the principles of brotherhood; and

WHEREAS, The Four Chaplains gave their lives in the sinking of the troopship Dorchester on February 3, 1943; the Brotherhood Award honors residents of the Capital District whose services and devotion in the practice of brotherhood are deserving of recognition; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Lee H. Schiller, Jr. is a highly decorated officer of the United States Army and is the 58th Commander of the Watervliet Arsenal; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man has had numerous important postings during his career; he was the Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer, of the 101st Airborne Division, Senior Military Advisor to the Iraqi Armed Forces, and Deputy Director for Maintenance Policies and Programs, to

name a few; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Lee H. Schiller, Jr.'s awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, among many others; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which this remarkable commander has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Colonel Lee H. Schiller, Jr. upon the occasion of his selection as Keynote Speaker at the 49th Annual Four Chaplains Memorial Service celebrated on Sunday, February 23, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Colonel Lee H. Schiller, Jr.