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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing the life and accomplishments of Leonard W. Peluso, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Leonard W. Peluso a longtime resident of Staatsburg, New York, died on Saturday, September 25, 2004, at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, Leonard W. Peluso was born in Poughkeepsie, New York, on October 31, 1915; and

WHEREAS, He was the proud son of Francesco and Antoinette DePaolo Peluso, and one of 13 children; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from the St. Peters Boys School and Poughkeepsie High School in Poughkeepsie, New York; and

WHEREAS, He attended and graduated from the Hudson River State Hospital School of Nursing in 1939, earning a degree in nursing; and

WHEREAS, Leonard W. Peluso was employed as a registered nurse before retiring in 1977, after 42 years of dedicated service to the Hudson River State Hospital in Poughkeepsie, New York; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his illustrious career, Leonard W. Peluso served honorably as a member of the United States Army as part of the 32nd Medical Battalion and the 231st General Hospital Unit during World War II in both the European and Pacific theaters from February 1942 to January 1946, achieving the rank of First Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, His military service earned him many decorations including the American Service Medal, Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Philippines

Liberation Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, He married Rena R. Porfirio on September 19, 1948, at St. Paul's Church in Staatsburg, New York; they were married for 56 years at the time of his passing; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Staatsburg, Rena R. Peluso, died Monday, July 10, 2006, at Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck, New York; and

WHEREAS, Leonard W. Peluso was a life member of the John Livingston American Legion Post 1466 where he served as Vice Commander and Chaplain; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he served as Dutchess County American Legion Commander from 1986 to 1987, as well as Chaplain and Trustee; was a member of the Dutchess County Veteran Affairs Committee; and served as a Life Member, Trustee, and Chaplain of former VFW Post No. 6916 in LaGrange, New York; and

WHEREAS, From 1977-1978, Leonard W. Peluso served the Town of Hyde Park as a Councilman, and was a member of the Hyde Park AARP; and

WHEREAS, Leonard W. Peluso devoted countless amounts of time in service to his community through the Golden Age Singing Society, Hudson River State Hospital Nurses Alumni Association, Hudson River Psychiatric Center Historical Association, Dinsmore Fire Hose Company, Staatsburg Rescue Squad, Staatsburg Board of Fire Commissioners, and Dutchess County Fire District Officers; and

WHEREAS, He remained committed to being a first responder in countless ways including as an American Red Cross Local Volunteer First Aid Instructor and past Chapter Service Representative, along with being a nationally registered American Red Cross Disaster Services Volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Leonard W. Peluso was always a proud American and New Yorker who was happy to serve his nation, his state, and his local community throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by seven brothers and three sisters, Leonard W. Peluso is survived by two daughters, Maria Carparelli (Michael), and Theresa Rosencrans (Jeffrey); two sons, Leonard R. Peluso (Beatrice), and Peter J. Peluso (Karen); four grandchildren, Tina Denu (Kevin), Alyson, Jessica and Matthew Peluso; and three great-grandchildren, Granville Denu, Danielle Denu, and Natalie LoPresti; one brother, Vincent Peluso (C. Gina); and a sister, Regina Peluso; as well as many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of the loss of this courageous veteran and healer who dedicated his purposeful life and career in faithful service to his family and community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize the life and accomplishments of Leonard W. Peluso, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Leonard W. Peluso.