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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Department of New York, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting the 78th Annual Convention on April 24-27, 2014

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Department of New York, American Gold Star Mothers upon the occasion of hosting the 78th Annual Convention to be held April 24-27, 2014, at the Courtyard Hotel by Marriott, Saratoga Springs, New York; and

WHEREAS, The membership of American Gold Star Mothers is composed of American Mothers who have lost a son or daughter during World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, Beirut, Grenada, Panama, the Persian Gulf, Somalia, Bosnia or while in service to our country; and

WHEREAS, The organization was founded nationally after World War I by Mrs. Grace Darling Seibold, Washington, D.C., with a group of mothers, for the purpose of perpetuating the ideals of Americanism for which their children had so gallantly fought and died; and

WHEREAS, American Gold Star Mothers is a federally chartered organization and is a member of the National Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Department of New York, American Gold Star Mothers volunteer many hours of work and personal service in hospitals for the veterans as well as to the veteran and his or her family in

their community; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body that when organizations 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 commend the Department of New York, American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. upon the occasion of hosting the 78th Annual Convention on April 24-27, 2014, in Saratoga Springs, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mary Ellen Jackowski, President, Department of New York, American Gold Star Mothers, inc.