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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., Capital Region, New York 2 upon the occasion of its Seventh Annual Blue Jean Ball, and paying tribute to this year's honorees

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., Capital Region, New York 2 upon the occasion of its Seventh Annual Blue Jean Ball, to be held on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520, Albany, New York, and to pay tribute to this year's honorees; and

WHEREAS, Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. is a support organization for mothers of children who have served, or are currently serving in the United States military; they are named after the signature blue stars that mothers hang in their windows when their children are called to service; and

WHEREAS, Since World War II, Blue Star Mothers have performed important volunteer duties on the home front, and have worked in hospitals and on civil defense; and

WHEREAS, This illustrious organization's Seventh Annual Blue Jean Ball will recognize individuals and associations which have made outstanding contributions to their mission of supporting our troops; and

WHEREAS, The Freedom Award is being given to four deserving honorees for their tremendous support of Blue Star Mothers over the years; they include Kathleen Morrell, Columbia Tae Kwon Do, Barb Erceg, and Cocksack-ie Hose Company No. 3; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Morrell and Columbia Tae Kwon Do have been selected

for their generous contributions of storage space and support in shipping care packages to service members deployed overseas; and
WHEREAS, Barb Erceg is being recognized for her dedication to teaching elementary school children the meaning of patriotism; she has brought her students to help pack at the Holiday Troop Drive and also to make blankets for the group Uncle Shawn's Hugs; and
WHEREAS, Coxsackie Hose Company No. 3 is being honored for its generous allowance of the use of the fire house to make blankets for Uncle Shawn's Hugs, and for the wonderful lunches served during this time; and
WHEREAS, The Liberty Award is being given to three worthy honorees who have significantly donated their time and resources to the overall military community; they include Chef David James Robinson and Susan and Michael Ayala; and
WHEREAS, Chef David James Robinson is being honored for his work with Culinary Command Training, an elite and intensive culinary training program for returning veterans, as well as those in the active military to help them transition into careers in restaurants, hotels, food service and hospitality; and
WHEREAS, Susan and Michael Ayala have been jointly selected for their dedication to the Military Courtesy Room at Albany International Airport; they have created a family tradition of volunteering every Thanksgiving and Christmas bringing a traditional dinner to share with those visiting members of the United States military on that day; and
WHEREAS, The Patriot Award is being given to two remarkable organizations for their generous help to Blue Star Mothers; and
WHEREAS, Doctors of the orthodontist firm, Decker, Sbuttoni, Boghossian, Dicerbo and Lawless are being recognized for their donating hundreds of pounds of candy for deployed service members; and

WHEREAS, Racing City Chorus is being recognized for their stirring musical performance at the Blue Star Mothers Luncheon; and
WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by Blue Star

Mothers and these outstanding honorees for the benefit of service members past and present; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and associations 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 Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., Capital Region, New York 2 upon the occasion of its Seventh Annual Blue Jean Ball, and paying tribute to this year's honorees; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., Capital Region, New York 2, and the aforementioned honorees.