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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Kenneth F. Governor, Department Commander of the Sons of the American Legion upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sullivan County American Legion on March 16, 2014

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Kenneth F. Governor, Department Commander of the Sons of the American Legion upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sullivan County American Legion on Sunday, March 16, 2014, to be celebrated at its annual dinner at the Eagle's Nest in Bloomingburg, New York; and

WHEREAS, Chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness, the American Legion is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Boston, Massachusetts, Kenneth F. Governor of North Greenbush, New York, is a retired United States Army Major with 30 years of both active and reserve service; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished military career, Kenneth F. Governor devoted himself to serving his country and providing a positive role model for his soldiers; during his last tour, he ensured that the National Guard units were logistically ready for deployment in the first Gulf War; he concentrated on making sure every soldier and unit had the essentials needed to sustain and protect themselves in combat; and

WHEREAS, His focus coupled with his skill, Kenneth F. Governor and his team were cited for the best prepared units to arrive at the mobilization and embarkation centers; and

WHEREAS, His tenacious attitude on service followed him into the civilian world; Kenneth F. Governor's leadership, administrative, and logistical talents were recognized in his business; professionally he was responsible for negotiating office leases and space restructuring in ever-increasing locations throughout the country, establishing and managing a complicated international insurance program to cover the growth of world-wide business operations of a publicly traded corporation, and supervising the expansion and construction of a New York headquarters facility; and

WHEREAS, An active member of The American Legion, Kenneth F. Governor is a life member of North Greenbush Memorial Post 1489 in Rensselaer County; he also serves as a member of the Sons of the American Legion, as well as a past Rensselaer County and Third District Commander; and WHEREAS, Kenneth F. Governor has held numerous state and national posts including chair of the Department of New York's Public Relations and National Legislative Commission; furthermore, he represented The American Legion before Congress, and held the position of Vice Chair of the National Legislative Council; and

WHEREAS, In March of 2011, Kenneth F. Governor was the recipient of the Legislative Council Member of the Year Award for his ability to build close working relationships with members of Congress, and for his communication skills with National Legislative Division staff and new members of the council; and

WHEREAS, During the 2011 Department Convention, Kenneth F. Governor was elected to a three-year term as Director of the New York American Legion Press Association, and for the past three years, has served as Department Public Relations chair; he was also responsible for coordinating a well-known series of public relations workshops at several

Mid-Winter Conferences; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Sandra Gingeresky Governor, and their five children, as well as their two granddaughters, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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 Kenneth F. Governor, Department Commander of the Sons of the American Legion upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sullivan County American Legion on March 16, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Department Commander Kenneth F. Governor, Sons of the American Legion.