

## 2013-J3918

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gordan W. Brown posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Rensselaer County Honor-A-Veteran Committee on April 14, 2014

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably in wars in which this country's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace in peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, The dedication and sacrifices of our military personnel ensure our continued role as a Nation which embodies the ideals of democracy, and is a defender of liberty for peoples throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gordan W. Brown posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Rensselaer County Honor-A-Veteran Committee on April 14, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Born on May 12, 1937, in Lorraine, New York, Gordan W. Brown was the son of the late Kellogg Brown and Helen Ansted Brown; he was also the brother of Ronald, Betty and the late Gerald; and

WHEREAS, Gordan W. Brown attended Adams Center High School and graduated in 1954, before joining the United States Air Force on July 12, 1954, and serving in Korea; and

WHEREAS, He was honorably discharged in 1958, after which time Gordan W. Brown attended the State University of New York Cortland and graduated in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Shortly thereafter, Gordan W. Brown began his illustrious career in Lansingburgh, New York as a 6th grade teacher; in 1973, he rose to become the Principal of Turnpike Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, From 1985 through 1990, Gordan W. Brown was appointed to the National Elementary Association of Principals; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his love to the field of education, Gordan W. Brown was active throughout his community as a member of the Lansingburgh Historical Society, and Kiwanis Club; he also officiated track meets, was a volunteer for the Red Cross, and went to New York City to help following the tragic events of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Together, Gordan W. Brown and his wife of 48 years, Suzann, had two children, Loree, and Geoffrey (Melissa); as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Christie, Jensen, and Maddon; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited their patriotism both at home and abroad, these men and women demonstrated their love for their country and merit forevermore, the highest respect of their State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Our Nation's veterans deserve to be recognized, commended and thanked by the people of the State of New York for their service and for their dedication to their communities, their State and their Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gordan W. Brown posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Rensselaer County Honor-A-Veteran Committee on April 14, 2014; and be it further

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