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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Korean War Veterans Association, Cayuga County Chapter 296, upon the occasion of celebrating its 10th Anniversary

WHEREAS, Members of the United States Armed Forces, who served so faithfully and courageously in wars in which our Nation's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace during peacetime, deserve the highest commendation of 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Korean War Veterans Association, Cayuga County Chapter 296, upon the occasion of celebrating its 10th Anniversary, to be celebrated on Saturday, May 3, 2014, at the Sunset Restaurant, Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 2004, the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) upholds the memory of those who served in the Korean conflict, perpetuating the legacy of those members of the United States Armed Forces who sacrificed so much in the defense of their country, while supporting a free Korea; and

WHEREAS, KWVA Cayuga County Chapter 296 has been active in the support of numerous veterans causes; its first major project was the construction of the Korean War Veterans Monument in Veterans Memorial Park in Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, this esteemed organization dedicated Auburn's Veterans Memorial Park in honor of Cayuga County war veterans who served our country from the Revolutionary War to the present day; this outstanding memorial includes monuments, memorial paths, gardens and pavers; it also

notably honors soldiers who have served both at home and abroad during our country's history; and

WHEREAS, KWVA Cayuga County Chapter 296 is ably led by its founder, Commander John Barwinczok, a veteran of the United States Navy who was a member of the Naval Underwater Team, the forerunner of today's SEALs; he is the sole commander in the chapter's history; 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; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 Korean War Veterans Association, Cayuga County Chapter 296, upon the occasion of celebrating its 10th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Barwinczok, Commander, Korean War Veterans Association, Cayuga County Chapter 296.