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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Staff Sergeant Bernard Dunn of Port Washington, New York upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal by the United States Army

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Staff Sergeant Bernard Dunn of Port Washington, New York, upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal by the United States Army at the ceremony given annually on St. Patrick's Day at the 69th Regiment Armory in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bernard Dunn received the Meritorious Service Medal for his 26 years of distinguished service to his country, culminating as a Mortar Section Leader; his hard work and dedication were in the highest traditions of the Infantry Regiment, the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, the 42nd Infantry Division, the New York Army National Guard, and the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Bernard Dunn is the son of Barbara Erickson and the late Bernard Dunn Sr., as well as the great-grandson of Edwin Lewis, founder of Lewis Oil; he is a graduate of Schreiber High School, Class of 1987; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man enlisted with the United States Marine Corps in 1987 and was honorably discharged in 1991; during this time he served ably in both Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, Bernard Dunn joined the National Guard as part of

the 71st Infantry Division and was later transferred to the 204th Engineers Division; he was a valued contributor to engineering projects dealing with such emergencies as the West Point fires, hurricanes, ice storms, and other natural disasters throughout New York State; and WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bernard Dunn served bravely as a volunteer firefighter with the Atlantic Hook & Ladder Company, and assisted in the recovery operations following the World Trade Center attacks; he was also stationed to the area as part of the 204th Engineers division of the National Guard at Ground Zero for eight days; and WHEREAS, In 2003, Bernard Dunn admirably served his country as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom, spending one year in combat with the 878 Engineers Battalion; and WHEREAS, In 2007, this devoted soldier was deployed to Afghanistan as a Security Team Leader for a police mentor team; he returned the next year and was transferred to the Mortar Section; in 2011, he became the leader of the Mortar Section as well as being promoted to Staff Sergeant; and WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bernard Dunn is now retired from the Army National Guard and resides in Port Washington with his wife Dorothy and two children, Shannon and Aidan; and WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bernard Dunn is employed with The Village of Munsey Park and is a proud member of The VFW Post 1819 in Manhasset Isle; and WHEREAS, Individuals who dedicate their lives to military service merit the commendation and applause of all citizens for their commitment to the preservation of American freedom; 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 the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor Staff Sergeant Bernard Dunn of Port Washington, New York, upon the occasion of designation as recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal by the United States Army; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Staff Sergeant Bernard Dunn, Port Washington, New York.