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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION paying tribute to the World War II Veterans of Clifton-Fine, New York, as they are honored by the Clifton-Fine Economic Development Corporation on May 10, 2014

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 citizens of this great Empire State and all Americans find the greatest inspiration in the men and women of our armed forces, according our revered veterans the highest respect, and remembering with appropriate reverence those who stepped forth with tremendous courage, prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concerns, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to pay tribute to the World War II Veterans of Clifton-Fine, New York, as they are honored by the Clifton-Fine Economic Development Corporation on Saturday, May 10, 2014, at the Clifton-Fine Central School Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, "The Clifton-Fine Community Honors Our World War II Veterans" event expresses the collective admiration and heartfelt gratitude of today's Clifton-Fine residents and all New Yorkers to those courageous citizens who, more than 60 years ago, went off to fight a war half a world away to protect our cherished ideals of freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, The distinguished World War II veterans being honored on this poignant occasion for their meaningful contributions to this great

Nation, our State, and their own proud communities are: James E. Glavin, Betty Johns, Gordon Taylor, Robert Noody, Ed DeCora, Harold Pickering, Hank Moshano, Erno Moore, Fred Hall, Amos Reil, and Horace Foster; and

WHEREAS, Out of the bloodshed and carnage of World War II rose shining

examples of selfless courage, heroism and glorious deeds performed under the most dire of circumstances and against a background of unprecedented loss of lives; and

WHEREAS, From the moment of the first attack upon Pearl Harbor, to the declarations of victory in Europe and Japan, these hostilities waged upon the entire world took an enormous toll in terms of human casualties, including approximately 68,000 wounded and nearly 28,000 killed or missing in action from New York State; and

WHEREAS, Indeed, citizens of New York State, more than any other, went off willingly to the battlefields, seas and skies of Europe and the South Pacific to risk their lives, including a large number who hailed from Clifton and Fine, New York; and

WHEREAS, With indomitable spirit and fortitude, our forefathers and foremothers endured fierce battles and particularly harsh conditions, giving of themselves in the name of preserving human liberty, and the American way of life; 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, This Legislative Body is very pleased to have this opportunity to express its gratitude to the men and women of Clifton and Fine, New York, who served as members of the United States Armed Forces during World War II for their tremendous sacrifices made for our Nation and for the benefit of all Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the World War II Veterans of Clifton-Fine, New York, as they are honored by the Clifton-Fine Economic Development Corporation on May 10, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James E. Glavin, Betty Johns, Gordon Taylor, Robert Noody, Ed DeCora, Harold Pickering, Hank Moshmio, Erno Moore, Fred Hall, Amos

Reil, and Horace Foster.