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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sergeant Alfred B. Nietzel, United States Army, upon the occasion of his posthumous designation as recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Forces, who have served so valiantly and honorably in wars in which our Nation's freedom was at stake, and during which the United States proudly stood as a defender of liberty and human dignity, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sergeant Alfred B. Nietzel, United States Army, upon the occasion of his posthumous designation as recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor; this meritorious honor will be presented at a White House ceremony on Tuesday, March 18, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The Congressional Medal of Honor is the highest military medal bestowed by the United States; it is awarded for valor in action against an enemy force; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Alfred B. Nietzel was born on April 27, 1921, in Queens, New York; he joined the United States Army October 5, 1940; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Alfred B. Nietzel is being recognized posthumously for his valorous actions in Helstern, Germany, November 18, 1944; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Alfred B. Nietzel showed extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with Company H, 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, in action against enemy forces; November 18, 1944, his intrepid actions, personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty at the cost of his life, exemplified the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflected great credit upon himself, the 1st Infantry Division, and the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the Congressional Medal of Honor, Sergeant Alfred B. Nietzel, a truly valiant soldier, received numerous other military decorations and awards, including: Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, American Defense Service Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with one Bronze Service Star, World War II Victory Medal, Presidential Unit Citation and the Combat Infantryman Badge; and

WHEREAS, The banner of freedom will always wave over this great Nation, the land of the free and the home of the brave; and

WHEREAS, The freedoms and security we cherish as Americans come at a very high price for those serving in the military in times of conflict;

it is fitting and proper that we who are the beneficiaries of those who risk their lives, leaving their families behind, express out appreciation and eternal gratitude for their sacrifices and courageous act; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sergeant Alfred B. Neitzel, United States Army, upon the occasion of his posthumous designation as recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, recognizing his courageous actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Sergeant Alfred B. Nietzel.