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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Willard Snyder posthumously after many years of distinguished service to the United States Post Office

WHEREAS, Since 1775, when the Continental Congress named Benjamin Franklin the first Postmaster General, the United States Postal Service has served as an important bond which holds our Nation, and its people, together; and

WHEREAS, The vital work of the employees of the United States Postal Service supports the growth of commerce, and most importantly, ensures the free flow of ideas and information which is so essential to our democracy; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Willard Snyder posthumously after many years of distinguished service to the United States Post Office to be celebrated on Friday, May 23, 2014, at a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Albany General Mail Facility in Colonie, New York; and

WHEREAS, Willard Snyder passed away on February 4, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Willard Snyder, affectionately known as Buck, was a World War II combat veteran; he served his country as a member of the United States Army, assigned to Company F, 2nd Battalion of the 317th Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, A former Staff Sergeant, Willard Snyder was involved in 277 days of continuous combat, fighting German forces on many battlefields in Europe including: Omaha Beach, Argentan-Falaise Gap, Moselle, Moselle Assault River Crossing, Seille, Seille Assault River Crossing, Battle of the Bulge, and Rhineland; and

WHEREAS, After World War II, Willard Snyder worked several jobs before entering public service with the United States Postal Service; he was a custodian at the Albany General Mail Facility until retiring in 1986;

and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Willard Snyder after many years of distinguished service to the United States Post Office; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Willard Snyder.