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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Stephen T. Bowers posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition at the Rensselaer County Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony on July 14, 2014

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably in wars in which this country's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace, deserve a special salute; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend those who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Stephen T. Bowers posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition at the Rensselaer County Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Sunday, July 14, 2014, at the Rensselaer County Legislature, Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony is held monthly in honor of one courageous man or woman from Rensselaer County, who has served in the United States Armed Forces; local veterans and government officials gather with the honoree's family to celebrate the veteran's life, and recognize their military career and accomplishments in civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Stephen T. Bowers was born on November 18, 1944, in Albany, New York, the son of Stephen Bender Bowers and Estelle Katherine Lamb Bowers; he grew up in Snyder's Lake, New York, and is a graduate of Vincentian Institute; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man served his country honorably as a member of the United States Air Force from 1965-1969, contributing his time and

efforts as a radio repair specialist; and

WHEREAS, Stephen T. Bowers exceptional service earned him the National Defense Service Medal and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return to civilian life, Stephen T. Bowers began his career as an electronic radio technician at Wells Communication Services, where he would be employed for over 40 years; in 1981, Stephen married his wife, the former Barbara M. Beaudoin; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Stephen T. Bowers was a member of American Legion Post No. 1489 for 37 years, and served on the annual Memorial Day Parade Committee; in addition, he enjoyed such activities as woodworking, reading, spending time with family, and camping with his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Stephen T. Bowers died on March 7, 2014, at the age of 69; he is survived by his wife, Barbara; one daughter, Melissa; and four grandchildren, Shae', Dominique, Madison, and Arron, all of whom feel privileged to have been a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; 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, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, this remarkable man demonstrated his love for his country and merits forevermore, the highest respect of his State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Stephen T. Bowers posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Stephen T. Bowers.