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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Bunkers in Baghdad for its dedicated efforts in support of our armed service members at home and abroad

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations devoted to improving the quality of life of members of the United States Armed Forces are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Bunkers in Baghdad for its dedicated efforts in support of our armed service members at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, Bunkers in Baghdad is a not-for-profit charity that collects and sends new and used golf balls, clubs and equipment to our troops deployed in 30 countries around the world, with a focus on the brave men and women currently serving in combat zones; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed organization has been highly active in New York State providing numerous donations to members of the New York State National Guard on assignment overseas; in addition, they have made substantial contributions to soldiers stationed at Fort Drum, New York, and at the Niagara Falls Air Force Base, as well as to Marines and Army recruiting stations across the state; and

WHEREAS, Bunkers in Baghdad has admirably collected and shipped more than five million golf balls and over 150,000 golf clubs to troops serving overseas over the past six years; and

WHEREAS, A proud supporter of the Wounded Warriors Project, Bunkers in Baghdad has provided golfing equipment to aid in the rehabilitation of

injured soldiers at Veteran's hospitals across New York State and the entire country; and

WHEREAS, Through its Bunkers Buddies program, the group has worked with over 165 schools in 42 states, helping collect children's letters and pictures to be enclosed in golf care packages for our deployed troops; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous accolades, Bunkers in Baghdad had the honor of ringing the closing Bell at the New York Stock Exchange in 2009; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and associations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Bunkers in Baghdad for its dedicated efforts in support of our armed service members at home and abroad; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph M. Hanna, Esq., President and Founder of Bunkers in Baghdad.