

## 2013-J5783

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joseph Pollicino upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition as a distinguished Veteran on June 10, 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 in peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Joseph Pollicino upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition as a distinguished Veteran, to be celebrated on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at the Albany County Office Building, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The dedication and sacrifices of our military personnel ensure our continued role as a Nation which embodies the ideals of democracy, and is a defender of liberty for peoples throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Colonie, New York, Joseph Pollicino served in the United States Marine Corps from 1966 to 1968; his service included a tour in Vietnam with Lima Co. 3rd Battalion 5th Marine, 1st Marine Division; and

WHEREAS, After being wounded in action, Joseph Pollicino valiantly continued his service; he was subsequently awarded the Purple Heart, a Combat Action Ribbon, a Presidential Unit Citation with two Bronze Stars, and the National Defense Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Joseph Pollicino served as Director of the Albany County Veterans' Service Bureau from

2005 until 2010; he also served as Acting Director from April of 2012 to August of 2012; and

WHEREAS, Active within his community, Joseph Pollicino is both a Life Member and Founding Member of the Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans, where he has served as President since 2005; he is also a member of the 1st Marine Division Association, Capt. Wm. Dale O'Brien Detachment; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he has devoted countless hours to the restoration of the Albany Vietnam Veteran's Memorial; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; 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 the United States Armed Forces for their tremendous sacrifices made for our Nation and for the benefit of all Americans; 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Joseph Pollicino upon the occasion of his designation for special

recognition as a distinguished Veteran on June 10, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joseph Pollicino.