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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Chuck Myers upon the occasion of celebrating 66 years of distinguished volunteer service to the American Legion Ambulance Service

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who give outstanding service to the people of the Empire State and whose extraordinary achievements save the lives of their fellow citizens should be recognized because their efforts so profoundly strengthen our shared commitment to family and community life; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Chuck Myers upon the occasion of celebrating 66 years of distinguished volunteer service to the American Legion Ambulance Service; this momentous occasion was celebrated at the Catskill Regional Medical Center Foundation's EMS Dinner and Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 23, 2014, at the Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center, Callicoon, New York; and

WHEREAS, A great community is only as great as those persons and organizations that provide exemplary service, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their profession or other endeavors, or through a lifetime of good citizenry; and

WHEREAS, A true leader, Chuck Myers is defined by his caring and giving nature; with dedication, commitment, bravery, loyalty and selflessness, he has served the American Legion Ambulance Service for more than six decades; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1926, Chuck Myers moved to his present home in Eldred, New York, when he was just three years old; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating from high school in 1943, Chuck Myers enlisted in the United States Army, completing a specialized training program at Harvard University before being sent to Germany and honorably

serving in the reserves until 1946; and

WHEREAS, In 1948, Chuck Myers and fellow veterans established the American Legion Ambulance Service (ALAS), during which time they purchased a 1936 Packard, the organization's first ambulance; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous direction of its Captain, Chuck Myers, the American Legion Ambulance Service provides Advanced Life Support to the Town of Highland in Sullivan County, New York; the all-volunteer organization is committed to providing emergency medical service with care and compassion for its community, friends and neighbors with pride, proficiency and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, During the 1950s, Chuck Myers worked for Metropolitan Life Insurance, then spent 33 years with the Sullivan County Highway Department, which later became the Department of Public Works (DPW); before retiring in 1986, he served as Commissioner of the SCDPW for three years; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his loving wife of 67 years, Ruth, and their wonderful son, Robert, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those devoted individuals who recognize that the preservation of life is a sacred responsibility and who make that responsibility their own by serving as Emergency Medical Service volunteers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Chuck Myers upon the occasion of celebrating 66 years of distinguished volunteer service to the American Legion Ambulance Service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chuck Myers.