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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sergeant Major Frantz Metellus (Ret.) upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition at the Veteran's Breakfast on June 20, 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 Sergeant Major Frantz Metellus (Ret.) upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition at the Veteran's Breakfast on Friday, June 20, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Frantz Metellus (Ret.) began his military career on June 16, 1981 when he enlisted in the New York Army National Guard; throughout his military career, this distinguished man has served his country and provided leadership to his soldiers, serving in and seeking positions of increasing responsibility in the United States and Kuwait; and

WHEREAS, During Operation Iraqi Freedom, Sergeant Major Frantz Metellus served in a variety of roles and duties for the forward-deployed detachment of the 8th Medical Brigade, including security Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC), physical security NCOIC, intelligence NCOIC, and operations Sergeant Major for the Coalition Forces Land Component Command Headquarters in Kuwait; and

WHEREAS, During his service in the New York Army National Guard, he was an active participant in several state-ordered humanitarian missions in response to natural disasters and civil emergencies throughout New

York State; and

WHEREAS, In March 2007, Sergeant Major Frantz Metellus was assigned to the 4220th United States Army Hospital in Shoreham, New York, as its Chief Clinical Non-commissioned officer (NCO) and as its senior enlisted soldier, serving as the hospital commander's principal advisor on all matters pertaining to enlisted soldiers; in this capacity he developed curricula for Military Occupation Specialist (MOS) and Warrior Task Training, NCO Professional Development, and mobilization readiness; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Frantz Metellus' military education includes attendance at the Academy of Health Science; completion of the Primary Leadership Development Course, the Basic Non-Commissioned Officer Course, the Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course, and the First Sergeant Course; in June 2005 he graduated from the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy; in addition, this committed soldier attended and completed the Total Army Instructor Training Course and the Small Group Instructor Training Course; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Frantz Metellus earned an Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology from New York City Technical College, a Bachelor of Science in Health Administration from Saint Joseph's College, a Master of Science in Public Administration (MPA) from Marist College, and a Doctorate in Public Administration (DPA) from Canbourne University, London, U.K.; he is currently enrolled in a doctoral program in Organizational Leadership at North Central University; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Frantz Metellus has received numerous military awards and decorations for his distinguished service; these include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal with 4 oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with

bronze service star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with mobilization and silver hourglass devices, Non-Commissioned Officer Profes-

sional Development Ribbon with numeral 3, Army Service Ribbon, and Overseas Service Ribbon; he also earned Weapons Qualification Badges for Grenade (Expert) and M-16 (Sharpshooter); and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Frantz Metellus is retired from his civilian career as the Administrative Director of Radiology Department, Mount Sinai Hospital of Queens; he is a Vice Chair of the Military/Law Enforcement Veterans Association, a member of the American Healthcare Radiology Administrators, and the American Society of Radiologic Technologists; 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, 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 Sergeant Major Frantz Metellus (Ret.) upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sergeant Major Frantz Metellus (Ret.).