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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Korean War Veteran Eugene Pernatt upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Purple Heart Award, and commending him on his distinguished military service

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Forces, who have served so valiantly and honorably in wars in which our Nation's freedom was at stake deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Korean War Veteran Eugene Pernatt upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Purple Heart Award, and to commend him on his distinguished military service; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1782, the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to any soldier who, while serving with the United States Armed Services has been wounded or killed; one of our nation's most prestigious military honors, it is the oldest award still given to United States military members; and

WHEREAS, Born in South Buffalo, New York, Eugene "Bob" Pernatt is being recognized for his valorous actions during the Korean War as part of the 3rd Infantry Division, one of the most renowned and decorated combat units during the conflict; and

WHEREAS, On April 19, 1951, Eugene Pernatt was wounded in both legs when his squad came under attack; and

WHEREAS, A truly valiant soldier, Eugene Pernatt has received numerous awards for his service, including the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal with two bronze service stars, the United Nations Service Medal, and the Marksman Badge with Carbine Bar and Rifle Bar; in addition, he was awarded the Korean War Service Medal from the Republic of Korea; and

WHEREAS, A loving husband and father, Eugene Pernatt and his wife, May, raised two sons, Wesley and the late Robert Pernatt; his late son, Robert, followed in his father's footsteps and served in the U.S. Army as a captain and airborne paratrooper; and

WHEREAS, The banner of freedom will always wave over this great Nation, the land of the free and the home of the brave; and

WHEREAS, The freedoms and security we cherish as Americans come at a very high price for those serving in the military in times of conflict;

it is fitting and proper that we who are the beneficiaries of those who risk their lives, leaving their families behind, express our appreciation and eternal gratitude for their sacrifices and courageous acts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Korean War Veteran Eugene Pernatt upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of a Purple Heart Award, and to commend him on his distinguished military service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Eugene Pernatt.