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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Corporal Arthur M. Rockwell, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the 2014 Rensselaer County Honor a Deceased Veteran Award

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Corporal Arthur M. Rockwell, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the 2014 Rensselaer County Honor a Deceased Veteran Award; and

WHEREAS, Born in Troy, New York, on November 28, 1938, to the late Elizabeth A. and Arthur M. Rockwell, Sr., Arthur M. Rockwell, Jr. attended both Wynantskill School and Troy High School; and

WHEREAS, Arthur M. Rockwell, Jr. joined the United States Marine Corps in November of 1956, and served proudly in B Company, First Amphibian Tractor Battalion, Fleet Marine Force; and

WHEREAS, This brave soldier was honorably discharged with the esteemed rank of Corporal on November 28, 1962, and became a self-employed jeweler for many years with businesses in Ballston Spa, Saratoga Springs, Colonie, and Defreestville, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Arthur M. Rockwell, Jr. was an employee of the New York State Workman's Compensation Rating Board; and

WHEREAS, Arthur M. Rockwell, Jr. owned an airplane in which he and his wife enjoyed flying together and prospected for gold for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, An avid inventor, Arthur M. Rockwell, Jr. was a painter of

portraits and landscapes, and was honored to have his talented work permanently displayed in the Rensselaer County Office Building; and WHEREAS, A quintessential civic leader, Arthur M. Rockwell, Jr. was a member of the Elks Club, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and Sons of the American Revolution, as well as a life member of the Marine Corps League; he also was a foster parent, volunteer for Doors of Hope, and a leader for Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Arthur M. Rockwell, Jr. belonged to the First Reformed Church in Wynantskill, New York, for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Arthur M. Rockwell, Jr., formerly of Wynantskill, New York, died on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, at the age of 75; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man left a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; predeceased by his sister, Joan, and brother, James, Arthur M. Rockwell, Jr. is survived by his wife, Nancy Ann; seven children, Kimberly (Tom), Tara (late Ken), Jana (Steve), Richard (Debbie), Faith, Rene, and Kerry; five grandchildren, Jill, Karyn, Justin, Joseph, and Ryann; five great-grandchildren, Steven, Vincent, Madison, Logan, and Jack; four brothers, Charles, William, David, and Terry; and one sister, Barbara; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

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, 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 Corporal Arthur M. Rockwell, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of

his designation as the recipient of the 2014 Rensselaer County Honor a Deceased Veteran Award; and be it further
RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Corporal Arthur M. Rockwell, Jr.