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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Henry G. Zimmer, Sr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran ceremony on December 1, 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; 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Henry G. Zimmer, Sr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran ceremony which was celebrated on Monday, December 1, 2014, at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post No. 1520; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1993, a committee was formed by the Albany County Veterans Bureau known as the Albany County Honor-A-Veteran Committee to honor deceased Albany County veterans who have served their country in time of conflict; the Honor-A-Veteran Program takes place monthly on the first Monday of each month; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous and dedicated service to his country, Henry G. Zimmer, Sr. was recognized at this year's December Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Henry G. Zimmer, Sr. was born on June 16, 1917, in Albany, New York; he lived most of his life in Albany County; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed veteran served his country as a member of the United States Army during World War II with the 42nd Rainbow Infantry

from 1942-1945, and was stationed in France, where he participated in the Battle of the Bulge; and

WHEREAS, During the Battle of the Bulge, Henry G. Zimmer, Sr. was wounded in action and taken prisoner as a POW; he was liberated on April 26, 1945 by troops under the command of Major Hugh Carey, who later served as governor of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Henry G. Zimmer, Sr. has been the recipient of numerous awards and medals in recognition of his outstanding service, including a Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts, as well as multiple European Service Medals and French Service Medals; and

WHEREAS, After completing his military service, Henry G. Zimmer, Sr. worked for the United States Postal Service for 32 years; and

WHEREAS, Henry G. Zimmer, Sr. was a member of numerous civic and professional organizations, including the Northeast Chapter of Former POWs and the Association of Letter Carriers; and

WHEREAS, A loving husband and father, Henry G. Zimmer, Sr. is survived by his son, Henry; 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 Henry G. Zimmer, Sr. posthumously upon the occasion of his desig-

nation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran ceremony; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Henry G. Zimmer, Sr.