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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 25th Anniversary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 44 of Clifton Springs, New York

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 44 of Clifton Springs, New York; this auspicious occasion was celebrated in November 2014; and

WHEREAS, Organizations which serve the interests of the people of this Empire State merit the commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 44 has served the interests of the people of the Empire State by serving the Clifton Springs Veterans and the community at large, for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS, On November 26, 1989, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 44 was founded by 18 Veterans, Walter Cybul, Steve Zadarlik, Clair Chamberlain, William Cobbett, Leigh Smith, Robert Smith, Paul Wells, Ralph Ogden, Tom Stephens, Mike Rush, Howard Brown, Jim Piper, Bernard Meath, Newton Smith, Joseph Carver, Harold Flecher, Lloyd Habberfield, and Roger Scott; and

WHEREAS, Throughout over two decades of service, Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 44 has had 6 commanders, Walt Cybul, John Piehl, Steve Zadarlik, Tom McKay, Lee N. Houser, and current Commander, Fran Day; today the Post is also led by Lee N. Houser, Quartermaster, and Post Historian; Mark Watts, Adjutant, and Senior Vice Commander; Ed Wertz, Chaplain; Jim Sanford, Judge Advocate, and Trustee; Frank Altonor, Service Officer; William Schwartz, Junior Vice Commander; Ron

Carpenter, Surgeon; and Trustees, Donald Thorn and Matt Maslyn; and WHEREAS, The Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 44 strives to promote community service within the community, remember the history and heritage of our service branches, including, all veterans, past, current, and future, and to assist veterans with military issues and benefits; and

WHEREAS, Even though the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 44 is a small group, they are one of the most active in New York State; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 44 was honored to receive a Community Service Award from the National Veterans of Foreign Wars, for upgrading their Veterans Memorial honoring all the community's veterans; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 44 contributes to over 30 charitable, non-profit organizations, and participated in the grand opening of Sampson Veterans Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 44 supports many community functions, such as, parades, ceremonies, Eagle Scouts, presentations at schools, museums, historical societies, senior homes and Veteran's funerals; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 44 of Clifton Springs, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lee N. Houser, Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 44.