

## 2015-J440

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring life member and Past Commander Mario Buonpane upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Northport American Legion Post 694

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the 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 life member and Past Commander Mario Buonpane upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Northport American Legion Post 694 to be celebrated on Friday, February 27, 2015, at the Legion Clubhouse in Northport, New York; and

WHEREAS, Chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919, The American Legion, the nation's largest wartime veterans organization, is devoted to mutual helpfulness, and is committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring wholesome programs in its communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and devoting time and energies to its fellow service members and veterans; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception by a group of war-weary veterans of World War I, The American Legion has evolved into one of the most influential nonprofit organizations in the United States; its membership grew to over one million, and local posts have formed across the country; today, membership stands at over 2.4 million in 14,000 posts worldwide; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism; Mario Buonpane was such a member who has been instrumental in helping this worthy organization serve its thriving community, veterans, and service members; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Mario Buonpane rendered faithful, conscien-

tious and valuable service to the Northport American Legion Post 694;

and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as Past Commander, Mario Buonpane served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Mario Buonpane was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Northport American Legion Post 694, Mario Buonpane earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals and 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 Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor life member and Past Commander Mario Buonpane upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the Northport American Legion Post 694; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mario Buonpane.