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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Department Commander Frank J. Peters upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sullivan County American Legion on March 11, 2015

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, 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Department Commander Frank J. Peters upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sullivan County American Legion on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, to be celebrated at its Annual Dinner at the Eagle's Nest in Bloomingburg, New York; and

WHEREAS, Chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness, the American Legion is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Staten Island, New York, Frank J. Peters of Travis, New York, proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy, and later held the position of Ferry Boat Captain; and

WHEREAS, Frank J. Peters enlisted in the Navy in 1981 and served as an Aviation Electrician aboard the USS Independence during both the Lebanon and Grenada conflicts; and

WHEREAS, Later, while employed as a Captain with the Staten Island Ferry, Frank J. Peters enlisted in the Navy Reserve, serving as both a coxswain and small boat operator for Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 204, stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Frank J. Peters was the recipient of numerous military awards and accolades including the Naval Unit Commendation, Battle "E" Ribbon, two Navy Expeditionary Medals, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; he was also awarded the New York State Conspicuous Service Star and the New York State Medal of Merit for conspicuous service with a decorated military unit in direct support of combat operations; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Frank J. Peters was awarded the United States Department of Transportation 9/11 Medal for meritorious service as Captain of Ferry Boat John F. Kennedy following the attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001; he also received an Outstanding Citizen Citation for his work on behalf of veteran and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, An active member of the American Legion, Frank J. Peters is a 25-year member of Gold Star Post 1365; he has held numerous local, state and national posts including: Post Commander, Richmond County Commander and 2nd District Commander; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable individual was a member of both the Departmental Public Relations and Legislative committees, and President of the New York American Legion Press Association; and

WHEREAS, Frank J. Peters also participated on the National Legislative Council, National Security Commission, and the Aerospace Committee, as well as serving as a delegate to both state and national conventions; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Frank J. Peters was a member of the Public Service Committee of the Travis Community Board, and a past President of the Travis Civic Association; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Mary, and their two

daughters, Mary Margaret and Emily Frances, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals 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 Department Commander Frank J. Peters upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sullivan County American Legion on March 11, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Department Commander Frank J. Peters.