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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joseph E. Perisco posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on January 5, 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 peace-time, deserve a special salute; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend these 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 long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Joseph E. Perisco posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on Monday, January 5, 2015, at the American Legion Joseph E. Zaloga Post 1520, Albany, New York; 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, Joseph E. Perisco was recognized at the 2015 January Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Joseph E. Perisco, was born on July 19, 1930, in Glovers-ville, New York, and lived most of his life in Albany County; and

WHEREAS, Joseph E. Perisco served his country with honor and distinction from 1952-1955, as an Executive Officer/Communications Duty

Officer in the United States Navy, aboard the USS Wheatear (AM-390), a minesweeper stationed with the NATO Allied Forces Southern Europe, Naples, Italy; and

WHEREAS, Joseph E. Perisco was the recipient of numerous awards and medals in recognition of his outstanding service, including the National Defense Medal, the European Occupation Medal, and the World War II American Battle Monument Commission Medal for Distinguished Service; and

WHEREAS, After his military service, Joseph E. Perisco served for 11 years as the Chief Speechwriter for New York Governor and later Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller; and

WHEREAS, Following his tenure with Nelson A. Rockefeller, Joseph E. Perisco went on to become a bestselling Historian and Biographer, writing twelve books, many on World War II and a classic on the Great War; he was the co-author of Colin Powell's autobiography MY AMERICAN JOURNEY, which remained on the NEW YORK TIMES bestseller list; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Joseph E. Perisco was appointed by President George W. Bush to serve on the American Battle Monuments Commission; he was selected to write the words etched into an 18-foot-long granite slab at the entrance to the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.; 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 Joseph E. Perisco posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on January 5, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Joseph E. Perisco.