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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Master Sergeant Raymond Drumsta upon the occasion of winning the 2015 Army National Guard Journalism Competition

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those exceptional journalists of this great Empire State who have distinguished themselves in their profession while entertaining us and enriching our lives with their creative talents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Master Sergeant Raymond Drumsta upon the occasion of winning the Army National Guard Journalism Competition in February of 2015; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, Master Sergeant Raymond Drumsta joined the Army National Guard as an Infantry Scout; in 1993, he became a public affairs soldier; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his civilian life, Master Sergeant Raymond Drumsta has held the position of Newspaper Reporter, most recently for the ITHACA JOURNAL; and

WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Raymond Drumsta's prize-winning article, entitled "Guard Soldier Receives Valor Medal for Saving Fellow Soldier", tells the story of a New York Army National Guard Sergeant, who received the state Medal of Valor for his efforts to save his Captain from a fiery car crash on December 9, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Iraq War veteran and military photojournalist Master Sergeant Raymond Drumsta's story will be forwarded to the Army-wide Keith L. Ware journalism competition for judging later this year; and

WHEREAS, At the time, while writing the article, Master Sergeant Raymond Drumsta was assigned to the New York National Guard's Public Affairs Office; he proudly served his country as a member of the 42nd

Infantry Division in Tikrit, Iraq, in 2005, and was then deployed to Kuwait with the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in 2012; and WHEREAS, Today, Master Sergeant Raymond Drumsta continues to serve in the information operations section of the 42nd Infantry Division, and is working full-time with the National Guard presenting the Citizen Preparedness Training program around the State of New York; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when journalists 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 congratulate Master Sergeant Raymond Drumsta upon the occasion of winning the 2015 Army National Guard Journalism Competition; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Master Sergeant Raymond Drumsta.