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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John J. Dougherty, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony on June 8, 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; 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 longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John J. Dougherty, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony on Monday, June 8, 2015; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1993, a committee was formed by the Rensselaer County Veterans Bureau known as the Rensselaer County Honor-A-Veteran Committee to honor deceased Rensselaer County veterans who have served their country in time of conflict; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous and dedicated service to his country, John J. Dougherty, Jr. will be recognized at this year's June Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, John J. Dougherty, Jr., who died in 2010, at the age of 86, served his country with honor and distinction from September 8, 1942 through December 27, 1945, as a member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, A Seaman 1st Class on the USS Texas and USS Quincy (CA-71), John J. Dougherty, Jr. was awarded the Victory Medal, American Campaign, European Theater--2 Stars, Asiatic-Pacific--2 Stars, and Good Conduct

Medal; and

WHEREAS, Born to John J. Dougherty, Sr. and Helen F. Dougherty, John J. Dougherty, Jr. attended both St. Patrick's Grammar School and Lasalle High School, Troy, New York; he married the former Eileen Gentlemen on December 13, 1949; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, John J. Dougherty, Jr. worked at Norton Industrial Abrasives, Watervliet, New York; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Troy, New York, John J. Dougherty, Jr. held the position of Commander of VFW Post 469, and was a member of both the VFW Post Poestenkill and Veterans of Lansingburgh; and

WHEREAS, In his spare time, John J. Dougherty, Jr. enjoyed hunting, fishing, archery, scuba diving, carpentry, gardening, and raising pheasants; he was also a member of the North Troy Stag Rod and Gun Club; 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 John J. Dougherty, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his

designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony on June 8, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of John J. Dougherty, Jr.