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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John J. Ruff posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on June 1, 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 those 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. Ruff posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on Monday, June 1, 2015, at the American Legion North Albany Post 1610, 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, John J. Ruff will be recognized at this year's June Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, John J. Ruff, who died in 2010, at the age of 77, served his country with honor and distinction from June 12, 1952 through June 8, 1954, as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, A Sergeant who served in the Korean War, John J. Ruff was

awarded the Korean Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the United Nations Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon his discharge, John J. Ruff was employed at the New York Power and Light Company in Albany, New York, and was a Sergeant with the East Greenbush Police Department; he was also a member of Ironworker Local No. 12; and

WHEREAS, Active in several veterans organizations, John J. Ruff was the founding member of North Albany Post 1610 Color Guard, where he acted as Captain; in this capacity, he was responsible for improving original North Albany Post 1610 by creating a bar operation in the late 1950s; and

WHEREAS, In addition, John J. Ruff held the positions of Commander of North Albany Post 1610, and was Chairman of the 25 Week Club, subsequently, he was awarded Lifetime Membership; he also served as Marshal of the North Albany Limerick Parade and built Limerick floats; 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 his patriotism both at home and abroad, John J. Ruff demonstrated his love for his country and merits forevermore, the highest respect of his 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. Ruff posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on June 1, 2015; and be it further

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