

## 2015-K577

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Santino Montanez upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Billy Mitchell Award on May 25, 2015

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so faithfully and courageously in wars in which our Nation's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace during peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and WHEREAS, The dedication and sacrifices of our military personnel ensure our continued role as a Nation which embodies the ideals of democracy, and is a defender of liberty for peoples throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Santino Montanez upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Billy Mitchell Award which was celebrated on Monday, May 25, 2015, at the Memorial Day Ceremony in Fonda, New York; and WHEREAS, The Billy Mitchell Award was established in 1964 to honor the late General Billy Mitchell, an aviation pioneer, and staunch supporter of an independent Air Force for the United States; and

WHEREAS, To achieve this prestigious honor, 2nd Lieutenant Santino Montanez passed a series of leadership, aerospace, and physical fitness tests; he also attended character development training for each achievement from Cadet Airman Basic through Cadet Chief Master Sergeant; and WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed young man has exhibited extensive leadership qualities, and numerous positive attributes in his attitude, core values, and communication skills, as well as in responsibility, critical thinking, and delegation; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this cadet now stands honorably, with just pride in his accomplishments and

in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by his superior officers and parents; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved with great respect and reverent esteem, and, on behalf of all of the citizens of the Empire State, to renew its tribute to the men and women of New York State who so courageously served their State and Nation in defense of freedom and democracy; 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 Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Santino Montanez upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Billy Mitchell Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cadet 2nd Lieutenant Santino Montanez.