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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Commander John Young upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Veteran of the Year Award by the Fulton Veterans Council

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 from this Legislative Body; 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Commander John Young of the American Legion Post 587 upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Veteran of the Year Award by the Fulton Veterans Council; and

WHEREAS, The respected Veteran of the Year Award recognizes individuals who have served honorably in the military, as well as those who have contributed to the betterment of their community after being discharged; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Gouverneur, New York, John Young proudly served his country as a Radar Operator in the United States Air Force for four years during the height of the Cold War; he attended Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, and then attended Radar School at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, After his training, John Young was assigned to the 17th Air Force, 86th Air Division, and was part of the 603rd Air Craft & Warning Squadron headquartered at the Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany, controlling the border between East and West Germany; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service in West Germany, John Young

received the American Defense Medal; and

WHEREAS, Following the completion of his military service, John Young returned to the United States, and began working for General Motors; he officially retired from Goulds Pumps Incorporated, Auburn, New York; and WHEREAS, For the past five years, John Young has served as Commander at Post 587, Fulton, New York, and holds the title of Service Officer for the Fulton Veterans Council; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, John Young is responsible for ordering the flags for the city's local VFW and American Legion, and placing them on the grave markers of the veterans laid to rest in Fulton's seven cemeteries; and

WHEREAS, In his spare time, John Young enjoys giving veterans rides to the VA Medical Center for their appointments, and delivering gifts to the families of hospitalized veterans during the holidays and participating in veteran ceremonies in the city of Fulton and Oswego county; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his two devoted daughters, Kelly and Kendra, his cherished granddaughter, Alexandra, and, his fiancée Donna West Kestner, Army Veteran and member of Fulton Post 587, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, John Young has 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; 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 Commander John Young upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Veteran of the Year Award by the Fulton Veterans Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Commander John Young.