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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring David L. Kagan for his distinguished military service as a member of the United States Coast Guard to be celebrated in June 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 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; David L. Kagan is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor David L. Kagan for his distinguished military service as a member of the United States Coast Guard, and to congratulate him on celebrating his 90th Birthday in June 2015; and

WHEREAS, This exceptional nonagenarian, with his zest for life, has inspired and enhanced the lives of his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, David L. Kagan valiantly served his country during World War II as part of the Greatest Generation; and

WHEREAS, David met his future wife, the late Shirley, during the war at a USO club; she too was proudly serving her country as a nurse in the United States Navy; together, they raised their family instilling in them a great respect and love of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, David L. Kagan and his family were leaders of the Albany Orthodox Jewish community and served as the Kosher butchers in Upstate New York; the Kagan Kosher Meat Market was known for donating meat to needy families during the war; and

WHEREAS, This beloved man has enriched the lives of those around him through his joyous and sincere love for others and through the quiescent

charm and wisdom which comes only from a fullness of years; and WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those who have reached such a remarkable age and who have witnessed and celebrated the innovations, cultural developments and awesome achievements of this country during the last century, while themselves contributing to the growth and excellence of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 David L. Kagan for his distinguished military service as a member of the United States Coast Guard, and to wish him a very Happy 90th Birthday; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David L. Kagan.