

## 2015-J3517

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring George E. Nealon posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on November 2, 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 George E. Nealon posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony which was celebrated on Monday, November 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, George E. Nealon was born on November 19, 1947, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, From January of 1968 to August of 1969, George E. Nealon proudly served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous decorations for his outstanding military service, George E. Nealon was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation, as well as the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon separating from the military with the esteemed rank of corporal, George E. Nealon earned his Bachelor's degree from SUNY Albany, and his Masters of Business Administration from the Lally School of

Management; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious career, George E. Nealon worked as a Marketing Manager for Landfill Technologies, and was Public Works

Commissioner for both the City of Albany and Albany County; and

WHEREAS, In his free time, George E. Nealon enjoyed building and flying model airplanes, playing the banjo, and refurbishing older cars;

and

WHEREAS, A vital part of his community, George E. Nealon was a proud member of the Albany County Honor-A-Vet Committee, Captain William Dale O'Brien Marine Corps League Detachment, Tri-County Council of Vietnam Veterans, Military Order of Devil Dogs, Fort Orange American Legion Post, and Barbarina-Mazarakos American Legion Post; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, George E. Nealon was a loving husband to his wife, Cyra, and a caring father to his two children, Matthew and Mary;

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 George E. Nealon posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on November 2, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of George E. Nealon.