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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gerard J. Labarge, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on November 9, 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 these 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 Gerard J. Labarge, Jr. 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 9, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Gerard J. Labarge, Jr. was born on May 11, 1933, in Boston, Massachusetts, but spent most of his life in the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, In 1951, Gerard J. Labarge, Jr. enlisted in the United States Marine Corps to proudly serve his country in several combat missions as part of the 1st Division 5th Marine Regiment during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous decorations for his outstanding military service, Gerard J. Labarge, Jr. was awarded the Korean Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, UN Service Medal and National Defense Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon separating from the military, Gerard J. Labarge, Jr. worked for Key Bank until his retirement after 42 years; and

WHEREAS, Gerard J. Labarge, Jr. was a loving husband to his wife, Adele, and a caring father to his five children, Christopher, Arlene,

David, Michelle, and Matthew; 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 Gerard J. Labarge, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on November 9, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Gerard J. Labarge, Jr.