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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring William J. Baker posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony on March 14, 2016

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 William J. Baker posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony to be celebrated on Monday, March 14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, William J. Baker was born on September 2, 1923, in Cohoes, New York, but spent most of his life in Grafton, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1943, William J. Baker enlisted in the United States Army to proudly serve his country in several combat missions during World War II including battles in the Ardennes, Central Europe and Rhineland; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous decorations for his outstanding military service, William J. Baker was awarded the American Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal as well as a lapel button; and

WHEREAS, Upon separating from the military, William J. Baker worked for the Bendix Corporation/Marshall Eclipse Division and was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign War Post 6340 in Grafton, New York; and

WHEREAS, William J. Baker was a loving husband to his wife, Beulah, a caring father to his 10 children, Eileen, Peggy, Antionette, Patricia, Beulah, Mary, Joan, Ruth, Wayne and Edward, and a loving grandfather to over 20 grandchildren; 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 William J. Baker posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony on March 14, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of William J. Baker.