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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Clarence Citizens for Veterans upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Organization of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on February 25, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor those illustrious individuals and institutions of the State of New York whose purposeful endeavors serve to enhance the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Clarence Citizens for Veterans upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Organization of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its 44th Annual Awards Dinner on Thursday, February 25, 2016, at Samuel's Grande Manor, Williamsville, New York; and

WHEREAS, It is with great admiration that this Legislative Body applauds the efforts of all the individuals involved in this vital organization, and to recognize their unwavering devotion to improving the quality of life for others; and

WHEREAS, Established in October of 2010, Clarence Citizens for Veterans (CCV) is a not-for-profit organization with a mission to honor and support our nations veterans and current military; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, CCV has raised significant funds for such causes as the Wounded Warrior Project, Cup of Joe/Green Beans, and Homes for Our Troops, a national organization with the goal to provide housing for post 9/11 disabled veterans; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in 2012, a local veteran and double amputee was selected to have a handicap accessible home built in North Tonawanda; Clarence Citizens for Veterans' fundraising efforts were designated for

this extraordinary project, and in addition to helping with the funds, CCV members helped build his home; and

WHEREAS, With an unwavering dedication to its community, CCV also works with such local organizations as WNY Veterans Housing Coalition, WNY Heroes, Buffalo One Stop, Honor Flight Buffalo, the WNY Iraq/Afghanistan Memorial, and most recently, the Call of Duty Veterans Training Center at the Response to Love Center in Buffalo, New York; and WHEREAS, In addition, CCV was instrumental in the establishment of the Staff Sergeant Mark A. Spence Memorial Scholarship at Clarence High School; and

WHEREAS, Over its distinguished history, Clarence Citizens for Veterans has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Clarence Citizens for Veterans is in direct correlation to the efforts of its members, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Clarence Citizens for Veterans upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Organization of the Year Award by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce on February 25, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Clarence Citizens for Veterans.