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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring William E. Haggerty, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony on January 11, 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 E. Haggerty, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony; this momentous occasion was celebrated on Monday, January 11, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Born on September 25, 1932 in Green Island, New York, William E. Haggerty, Jr. served his country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Army from November of 1952 to October of 1954; and

WHEREAS, William E. Haggerty, Jr. was the proud recipient of two Purple Heart Medals, the Korean Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star, the United Nations Service Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, and the National Defense Service Medal, in recognition of his valiant service; and

WHEREAS, Upon his separation from the military, William E. Haggerty, Jr. went to work for Continental Insurance Company as a Special Agent before becoming a Clerk for the Troy Post Office, the position from

which he retired in the late 1970s; and

WHEREAS, An active and involved member of his community, William E. Haggerty, Jr. was the Coach of the St. Augustine's School CYO Basketball Team; he was also a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart in Lansingburgh, the Friends of 112th Street, and Lansingburgh's Over-30 Softball League; and

WHEREAS, William E. Haggerty, Jr. was the proud father of his two children, William and Erin, and a doting grandfather to his four grandchildren, Bridgette, Brendan, Sean and Heather; 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 E. Haggerty, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony on January 11, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of William E. Haggerty, Jr.