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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring George E. Dodge posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony on June 13, 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 George E. Dodge posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony on Monday, June 13, 2016; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous and dedicated service to his country, George E. Dodge will be recognized at this year's June Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, George E. Dodge, who died on September 11, 2015, at the age of 89, served his country with honor and distinction from September 29, 1943 through February 21, 1946, as a member of the United States Coast Guard during the Second World War; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, George E. Dodge wed Mary E. Demers on November 20, 1948, in Cohoes, New York; during this time, he began his illustrious law enforcement career, courageously serving his community as a member of the Troy Police Department for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, George E. Dodge was the proud father of five children, Mary

Lou, Donna, George Jr., Carolyn and Arthur, and the loving grandfather to eight grandchildren, Mandy, Kayla, Michelle, Jessie Lee, Brandon, John, Bobby and Billy; and

WHEREAS, Active within his community, George E. Dodge was a lifetime member of the Sullivan-Jones VFW Post, as well as a member of the Police Conference of New York (PCNY), PBA and St. Henry's Church; 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. Dodge posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony on June 13, 2016; and be it further

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