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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Herbert Earl Tedford, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on April 4, 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 Herbert Earl Tedford, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on April 4, 2016, at the American Legion Joseph E. Zaloga Post 1520, Albany, New York; and WHEREAS, In June of 1993, a committee was formed by the Albany County Veterans Bureau known as the Albany County Honor-A-Veteran Committee; the committee was formed to honor a deceased Albany County veteran, who has served his country in time of conflict: the Honor-A-Veteran Program takes place on the first Monday of each month; and WHEREAS, For his courageous and dedicated service to his country, Herbert Earl Tedford, Jr. will be recognized at this year's April Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony; and WHEREAS, Born on July 25, 1932, in Troy, New York, Herbert Earl Tedford Jr. proudly served his country with honor and distinction from June 1951 to June 1959, as a member of the United States Navy and Navy Reserves: and

WHEREAS, During the Korean War, Herbert Earl Tedford, Jr., served as a Petty Officer Third Class on board the USS Yellowstone, and was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the Navy Occupational Service Medal; and WHEREAS, Following the completion of his military service, this distinguished veteran pursued his passion for printing at the Hamilton Printing Company; he also worked for Argus Greenwood, Inc. and Picotte Companies until his retirement at the age of 76; and WHEREAS, In addition, Herbert Earl Tedford, Jr. was known for being an avid outdoorsman and fisherman, as well as his love for his faithful companion animals; 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 Herbert Earl Tedford, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on April 4, 2016; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Herbert Earl Tedford, Jr.