

## 2015-J5201

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 97th Anniversary of the Clayton American Legion Colon-Couch Post 821

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those patriotic organizations and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 97th Anniversary of the Clayton American Legion Colon-Couch Post 821, which was celebrated at a dinner held on Saturday, March 19, 2016, in Clayton, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Clayton American Legion Colon-Couch Post 821 was founded on July 17, 1919, and it owes its longevity to the faithful dedication of its many wonderful members; and

WHEREAS, The Clayton American Legion Colon-Couch Post 821 is named after Sergeant George O. Colon, a member of the United States Marines and Corporal Harry W. Couch, a member of the United States Army, both natives of Clayton who died in 1918 in service to their country; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its nearly 10 decades of service, the mission of the Clayton American Legion Colon-Couch Post 821 has been to help veterans, active military members, their families and children, as well as the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The Clayton American Legion Colon-Couch Post 821 has supported not only local veterans but also county and state veterans' programs and community programs, including support for Fort Drum Wounded Warrior programs and providing funding for high school band uniforms; and

WHEREAS, Under the direction of Commander Stanley Dine, the Clayton American Legion Colon-Couch Post 821 continues its dedication to fostering the traditions of patriotism, excellence, and commitment which have made our nation strong; and

WHEREAS, For 97 years, the members of the Clayton American Legion Colon-Couch Post 821 have distinguished themselves in service to their country and their community; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the significance of their contributions and to note their worthy endeavors which have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 97th Anniversary of the Clayton American Legion Colon-Couch Post 821, and to commend its members, past and present, on behalf of a grateful community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Commander Stanley Dine, Clayton American Legion Colon-Couch Post 821.