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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring veteran David Cano upon the occasion of being recognized for his distinguished service to his Country as a member of the United States Navy on May 30, 2016

WHEREAS, Members of the United States Armed Forces, who served so faithfully and courageously in wars in which our Nation's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace during peacetime, deserve the highest commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, The dedication and sacrifices of our military personnel ensure our continued role as a Nation which embodies the ideals of democracy, and is a defender of liberty for peoples throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor veteran David Cano upon the occasion of being recognized for his distinguished service to his Country as a member of the United States Navy, to be celebrated during a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Veteran David Cano is being recognized for his altruistic efforts and unwavering support of his fellow military veterans; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the United States Navy, David Cano valiantly served aboard the USS Ingraham (FFG-61) 'The Last and the Finest frigate', a class of ship which is now decommissioned, home ported in Everett, Washington; and

WHEREAS, An Information Systems Technician (IT) for four years, David Cano reached the rank of Petty Officer Second Class; performing well above standard, he excelled on both Petty Officer 3rd and 2nd class advancement exams, scoring in the 99th and 98th percentiles respectively, allowing him to advance; and

WHEREAS, During his first deployment in 2009, to the Gulf of Iraq, David Cano received the Humanitarian Service Medal for Operation Pacific

Wave in recognition of his relief efforts after disaster struck the Samoa Islands; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this brave soldier took part in patrolling the oil platforms in the Gulf, escorting two brand new Iranian patrol boats through the Suez Canal, separately escorting a submarine through the Suez Canal, and conducting anti-piracy patrols and boarding fishing vessels in the Red Sea and near the Horn of Africa; and

WHEREAS, With a second deployment in South America, David Cano was instrumental in the launching of Operation Martillo in support of targeting illicit trafficking routes in coastal waters along Central America; during this time he patrolled the area and boarded boats suspected of drug trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, David Cano travelled across the country from Washington to New York in his red Dodge pickup truck before moving on to Pace University in pursuit of his undergraduate degree to gain employment in the cyber security field; and

WHEREAS, David Cano arrived at Pace University in the summer of 2013, and quickly established himself as a quintessential leader by serving as the President of its thriving Student Veterans of America (SVA) Chapter; and

WHEREAS, The vision provided by David Cano through the many veteran-centric initiatives he has implemented has further enhanced the transition for veterans to the University; through the veteran transition course, From Combat to Classroom, he naturally took the proactive initiative and served as a formal peer leader to assist his peers who were struggling with transitioning to civilian and academic life; and

WHEREAS, A true team leader and scholar, David Cano's effective oral and written communication skills, complemented with his laid back and

pleasant social acumens, allow him to connect with students who would otherwise struggle; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is very pleased to have this opportu-

nity to express its gratitude to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces for their tremendous sacrifices made for our Nation and for the benefit of all Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor veteran David Cano upon the occasion of being recognized for his distinguished service to his Country as a member of the United States Navy on May 30, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David Cano.