

## 2015-J5970

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System upon the occasion of hosting its commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War on June 20, 2016

WHEREAS, Thousands of military personnel from the great State of New York have served their country faithfully and courageously, with dedication and sacrifice, and are due the praise and just recognition of this Legislative Body for their role in defense of our Nation's liberty and freedom; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System upon the occasion of hosting its commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War on Monday, June 20, 2016, at the FDR Campus, Montrose, New York; and

WHEREAS, The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration was formed to honor veterans of the Vietnam War and their families, as well as to highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of agencies and organizations that served with, or in support of, Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, In this 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has partnered with the Department of Defense (DoD) to recognize and thank Vietnam Veterans for their service and sacrifices to our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, VA medical facilities across the system will host events to thank and honor our Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, As our State and Nation observes this 50th Anniversary , we reflect with solemn reverence upon the valor of a generation that served with honor, and pay tribute to the more than three million servicemen and women who left their families to serve bravely, a world away from

everything they knew and everyone they loved; and

WHEREAS, From Ia Drang to Khe Sanh, from Hue to Saigon and countless villages in between, these brave soldiers pushed through jungles and rice paddies, heat and monsoon, fighting heroically to protect the ideals we hold dear; and

WHEREAS, Through more than a decade of combat, over air, land and sea, these proud Americans upheld the highest traditions of our Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of a chapter in our State and Nation's history that must never be forgotten, we renew our sacred commitment to those who answered our country's call in Vietnam and those who awaited their safe return; 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, This Legislative Body is moved with great respect and reverent esteem, and, on behalf of all of the citizens of the Empire State, to renew its tribute to the men and women of New York State who so courageously served their State and Nation during the Vietnam War in defense of freedom and democracy; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System upon the occasion of hosting its commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War on June 20, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System, Montrose, New York.