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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John P. Gebhardt posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on July 5, 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 long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John P. Gebhardt posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on Tuesday, July 5, 2016, at the 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, to honor deceased Albany County veterans who have served their country in time of conflict; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous and dedicated service to his country, John P. Gebhardt will be recognized at this year's July Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, John P. Gebhardt, who died on November 29, 2015, at the age of 89, served his country with honor and distinction from July 21, 1944 through September 17, 1947, as a member of the United States Coast Guard; and

WHEREAS, A Steward's Mate, Seaman 3rd Class who served on board the

USS Monticello in World War II, John P. Gebhardt was awarded the World War II Battle Star for service; and

WHEREAS, Upon his discharge, John P. Gebhardt served as an Albany Police Department Dispatcher from 1978-1987; he then owned and operated both Red & White Cab - Amtrak and Red Star Taxi for eight years; from 1995-2008, he held the position of Manager/Dispatcher for Yellow Cab Co.; and

WHEREAS, Active in several veterans organizations, John P. Gebhardt was a vital member of the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520, the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post 1040, Bethlehem Memorial VFW Post 3185, and the Albany Elks; and

WHEREAS, In addition, John P. Gebhardt was a participant of the Knights of Columbus and Ancient Order of Hibernians; he also was a faithful congregant of St. Thomas the Apostle School and Parish and the Mater Christi Parish; 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 John P. Gebhardt posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on July 5, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of John P. Gebhardt.