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Senate Resolution No. 5161

BY: Senator GOLDEN

HONORING George R. Broadhead upon the occasion of his designation as Deputy Grand Marshal of Brooklyn's 151st Annual Kings County Memorial Day Parade on May 28, 2018

WHEREAS, Each and every city, town, village and hamlet within its borders resonates with the rich and noble history of New York State and this nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend events which symbolize the historical, social and cultural development of this great State and embody the spirit of the principles upon which this nation was founded, and to applaud individuals who have dedicated their life's work in support and furtherance of those principles; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor George R. Broadhead upon the occasion of his designation as Deputy Grand Marshal of Brooklyn's 151st Annual Kings County Memorial Day Parade, to be held on Monday, May 28, 2018; and

WHEREAS, On Memorial Day, observed annually on the last Monday of the month of May, we honor those Americans who gave their lives in

defense of their country, whether in the Civil War which divided our nation or in times of war since that time, and in times of peace, in police actions and minor skirmishes, in peacekeeping roles and in missions to foreign lands to uphold the cherished principles of liberty and democracy upon which our grand Republic was founded; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Deputy Grand Marshal of Brooklyn's 151st Annual Kings County Memorial Day Parade, George R. Broadhead proudly served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, George Russell Broadhead was born in the Park Slope neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York; he and his family moved to Gerritsen Beach in 1938; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from high school, George R. Broadhead enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served in Korea; for his meritorious service, Corporal Broadhead was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Silver Star Medal, the Purple Heart Medal, Combat Action Badge, two Naval Unit Citations, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Korean Campaign w/3 stars, UN Medal, Korean War Service Medal and the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal; and

WHEREAS, While stationed at Marine Corps Base at Quantico, George R. Broadhead completed a year of college at George Washington University; after retiring on disability, he resumed his college studies at St. John's University College in Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, During this time, George R. Broadhead began his long career in publishing as Feature and Managing Editor for St. John's News and Editor of the college literary magazine Epitome; he also worked

part-time in Macy's advertising department for three years; and

WHEREAS, In 1960, George R. Broadhead was hired by McGraw-Hill as an Editor of Coal Age, and Engineering & Mining journal promotional newsletters; he then worked in the advertising sales department with the Los Angeles Herald Examiner; he also published his poetry in various magazines and newspapers; and

WHEREAS, George R. Broadhead returned to the east coast and joined the advertising sales staff of American Artist Magazine; he was then promoted to a position with Billboard magazine; in 1968, he was named southern manager for Billboard magazine, and relocated to Nashville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, George R. Broadhead began to work for Newhouse Newspaper in New York and then West Coast Management; after his retirement from the newspaper, he returned to Gerritsen Beach in 2001; and

WHEREAS, George R. Broadhead quickly became a vital and important part of his community; he was an officer and then President of the Gerritsen Beach Property Owners Association, a position he held for seven years, including the period during and after Hurricane Sandy; and

WHEREAS, For three years, George R. Broadhead has served on the Gerritsen Beach Volunteer Fire Department Fire Council, and was the Commander of VFW Post 107, as well as County Commander of Kings County Brooklyn Council; in 2011, he was nominated for the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, George R. Broadhead was instrumental in the success of the Centennial Ceremony for the Prisoner Martyr Ship Monument at Fort Green

Park; he secured the Gerritsen Beach Marching Band, VFW Post 107 Color Guard and acted as the event Grand Marshal; and

WHEREAS, Currently, George R. Broadhead is serving his third term as President of the Society of Old Brooklynites and is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and American Legion Post No. 1 in Paris, France; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his four children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, As we observe and remember our deceased veterans on Memorial Day, we recall their brave and noble deeds which have served to maintain our most precious and cherished freedoms and honor those who continue to work diligently to support and sustain them; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor George R. Broadhead upon the occasion of his designation as Deputy Grand Marshal of Brooklyn's 151st Annual Kings County Memorial Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to George R. Broadhead.