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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Senior Chief Boatswain's Mate Andrew Keith Doss upon the occasion of his retirement from the United States Navy after 26 years of dedicated military service

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon this Legislative Body to recognize those remarkable individuals who have honorably and courageously served their country in order to protect the life and liberty of our citizens, and whose military service, professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Senior Chief Boatswain's Mate Andrew Keith Doss upon the occasion of his retirement from the United States Navy after 26 years of dedicated military service; he officially retired at a ceremony held on September 8, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Senior Chief Doss, a 1985 graduate of Bishop Grimes High School in Syracuse, New York, reported for active military duty in October of 1986; and

WHEREAS, After successfully completing his training, Senior Chief Doss effectively served aboard the USS Savannah from 1987 to 1989, before reporting to the Naval Reserve Center in Syracuse, which is now named the Navy Operational Support Center Syracuse; and

WHEREAS, In February of 2003, Senior Chief Doss was mobilized and deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of operations Iraqi Freedom, Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom; he served aboard the SS Cape Gibson and the USNS Kilauea, leading the Cargo Afloat Rig Team (CART), as his team provided fuel and ordnance in replenishment operations; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Senior Chief Doss joined the staff at Syracuse University, and in 2001, he assumed his current role as Veterans' Advisor of Syracuse University's Veterans Resource Center; as a veterans' advisor, Senior Chief Doss has met with countless students and veterans regarding their educational benefits, and has collaborated with Syracuse University on various veterans' issues; and

WHEREAS, Over his distinguished military career, Senior Chief Doss has

received several promotions as a result of his exemplary work; he was promoted to First Class Petty Officer in 1995, Chief Petty Officer in 1998, and Senior Chief Petty Officer in 2001; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his many outstanding contributions, Senior Chief Doss has been granted numerous military awards: Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, Navy Battle E Ribbon, and Navy Sea Service Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his accomplished career, Senior Chief Doss has had the continued support of his proud family, which includes his wife, Karyn, and their three wonderful children Rebecca, Danielle and Adam, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Senior Chief Doss was governed by a sense of loyalty, duty and honor, allowing him to be a natural leader within his country and his community at-large; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause to hereby honor and recognize Senior Chief Boatswain's Mate Andrew Keith Doss upon the occasion of his retirement from the United States Navy after 26 years of dedicated military service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Senior Chief Boatswain's Mate Andrew Keith Doss, United States Navy.