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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Robert F. Garrison Post No. 3350 upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2012 Community Service Award by the National Veterans of Foreign Wars

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and support the purposeful cause of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, recognizing its long and sustained commitment to the principles of democracy and freedom so revered by this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Robert F. Garrison Post No. 3350, East Rockaway, New York, upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2012 Community Service Award by the National Veterans of Foreign Wars, to be celebrated at its unveiling ceremony at the Post on Tuesday, March 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the VFW is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts; to serve veterans, the military, and communities; and to advocate on behalf of all veterans; and

WHEREAS, The vision of the VFW is to ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country; and

WHEREAS, The members of Robert F. Garrison Post No. 3350 follow the core values set forth of all VFW which include: always put the interests of the members first; treat donors as partners in our cause; promote patriotism; honor military service; ensure the care of veterans and their families; serve their communities; promote a positive image of the VFW; and respect the diversity of veteran opinions; and

WHEREAS, Robert F. Garrison Post No. 3350 has faithfully served the East Rockaway community and its veterans, dedicating its purpose to the preservation of the values and principles of this great republic; and

WHEREAS, Robert F. Garrison Post No. 3350 initiates many activities on behalf of the community, its veterans and the VFW's national causes,

always striving to support educational needs, as well as social and patriotic values, while maintaining an integral role in community affairs of concern to veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, With a strong belief in community, the Robert F. Garrison Post No. 3350 helps with organizations such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and the Kiwanis Club; the members also dedicate their time and energies to numerous neighborhood activities including the annual Memorial Day Parade and Veterans Day; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, every year, Robert F. Garrison Post No. 3350 bestows scholarship awards to deserving students of East Rockaway High School as well as scholarships to one male and one female member of the high school band; and

WHEREAS, Robert F. Garrison Post No. 3350 is a noble post, accomplishing its mission and performing its good deeds in a spirit of comradeship true to the highest traditions of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend the absolute commitment of the proud members of Robert F. Garrison Post No. 3350, noting the role played by this exceptional organization and recognizing the significance of the contributions and sacrifices of its membership; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Robert F. Garrison Post No. 3350

upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the 2012 Community Service Award by the National Veterans of Foreign Wars; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Veterans of Foreign Wars, Robert F. Garrison Post No. 3350.