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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION celebrating the life and accomplishments of William J. Hartman upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the 2009 Greene County Honor a Deceased Veteran Award

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to celebrate the life and accomplishments of William J. Hartman upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the 2009 Greene County Honor a Deceased Veteran Award; and

WHEREAS, A native of Catskill, New York, William J. Hartman was born March 18, 1920, and attended Catskill High School and St. Vincent's College in Pennsylvania; he passed away on December 10, 2000, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, William J. Hartman served his country proudly as a Navigator-Bombardier Pilot with the United States Army Air Corps 428th Unit Bombardier Squadron, 310th Bombardier Group; and

WHEREAS, William J. Hartman entered military service on July 25, 1942, and served in the European Theater of Operations and the Tunisian, Sicilian and Italian Campaigns; he was honorably discharged in June 1945, with the rank of 1st Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, For his consummate courage and bravery, William J. Hartman was the recipient of a multitude of awards, honors and certificates of recognition, acknowledging his efforts of in-depth magnitude, including the European African Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon, the European Theater of Operations Campaign Ribbon, the Presidential Unit Citation Air Medal with nine Oak Leaf clusters, the American Theater Campaign Ribbon and the Distinguished Flying Cross; and

WHEREAS, A longtime advocate for veterans, William J. Hartman was employed as a Veterans Counselor for the New York State Division of

Veterans Affairs in Greene County for many years; and

WHEREAS, The quintessential civic leader, William J. Hartman was a member of numerous organizations, including the Masons of Catskill and the Board of Education of the Catskill Central School; he also served as a Greene County Legislator from 1972 to 1975; and

WHEREAS, William J. Hartman left a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; he is survived by his wife, Virginia, and their two children, Dr. Carl Hartman and Susan Thompkins, all of whom felt privileged to be a part of his life and rejoiced in his many achievements; and

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 from this Legislative Body; 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; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the life and accomplishments of William J. Hartman upon the occasion of his designation as the recipient of the 2009 Greene County Honor a Deceased Veteran Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of William J. Hartman.