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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION memorializing Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim May 2009 as Military Appreciation Month in New York State

WHEREAS, New York State has a long-standing tradition of serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, with thousands giving their lives in defense of their country; and

WHEREAS, The contributions and sacrifices of military personnel from New York State bases are vital to maintaining America's freedoms and way of life; and

WHEREAS, It is crucial to raise awareness of the sacrifices that these brave men and women in uniform have made in the past and continue to make in order to support the Constitution and to preserve the liberties that enrich this great Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is important to recognize the sacrifices, support and dedication of the families of these men and women who serve; and

WHEREAS, It is important to instill in the youth of New York State the significance of the contributions and the relevance of the history of our great Nation that members of the United States Armed Forces have made in securing and protecting the freedoms that United States citizens enjoy today; and

WHEREAS, Our volunteer driven force makes it essential that the future leaders of New York State and the Nation understand the military's history and traditions, including the contributions and sacrifices of those who have participated in military actions; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of New York State recognize the importance of maintaining a strong, equipped, well-educated, and well-trained military to safeguard freedoms, humanitarianism and peacekeeping efforts around the world; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives passed a resolution designating the month of May, as "National Military Appreciation Month" and called upon the President to issue each year a proclamation designating May as "National Military Appreciation Month," calling on the people of the United States to honor the dedicated service provided by the members of the United States Armed

Forces; the resolution states that the House and Senate "support the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor David A. Paterson to proclaim May 2009 as Military Appreciation Month in the State of New York, and to urge all citizens of this great Empire State to display the Nation's flag for the month of May out of respect for all those who participated as members of the armed forces; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable David A. Paterson, Governor of the State of New York, Colonel (Ret) James D. McDonough, Director of the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs and Major General Joseph J. Taluto, Adjutant General of the State of New York.