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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Colonel Glenn R. Marchi of the New York Army National Guard upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished military service

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to honor and acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives, military service and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and WHEREAS, Members and former 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 peace time, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, For the past 35 years, Colonel Glenn R. Marchi of the New York Army National Guard rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable military service to both the Nation and New York State; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Colonel Glenn R. Marchi of the New York Army National Guard upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished military service; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Saturday, May 15, 2010, at the West Point Club at the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York; and

WHEREAS, Assigned to Joint Force Headquarters, New York Army National Guard, Latham, New York, as Director of the Joint Exercise Control Group, Colonel Glenn R. Marchi is responsible for training, exercising and evaluating members of the New York National Guard's six designated Joint Task Force headquarters in order to improve state emergency response for defense support to civil authorities; and WHEREAS, Colonel Glenn R. Marchi was a first responder following the

September 11, 2001, World Trade Center terrorist attack in New York City and served as the S2/3 Intelligence/Operations Officer for the 107th Corp Support Group, 53rd Troop Command coordinating security and recovery operations; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, Colonel Glenn R. Marchi was deployed to support Operation Iraqi Freedom as Commander of 500 soldiers in the 642nd Aviation Support Battalion, providing aviation logistics to the 42nd Infantry Division; as Chief of the 53rd Headquarters Detachment Army Liaison Team, he prepared the unit for their second deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Commissioned in 1980 through Officer Candidate School at the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Academy, Colonel Glenn R. Marchi served five years as an enlisted soldier from private to staff sergeant in the U.S. Army with the 503rd Military Police Company, 3rd Armored Division stationed in Germany, and later in the 28th Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, Awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Iraq, Colonel Glenn R. Marchi is a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, and has a Ph.D. in Information Science from the State University of New York at Albany; and

WHEREAS, In his civilian career, Colonel Glenn R. Marchi is the Director of Operations in Corporate Relations for Diageo in Norwalk, Connecticut; he also teaches college courses as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Glenn R. Marchi resides in Hopewell Junction, New York, with his wife, Lynn, and three children, Justin, Lucas and Serena; and

WHEREAS, In all his official acts, Colonel Glenn R. Marchi was governed by a sense of loyalty, duty and honor, that allowed him to be a natural leader; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his extraordinary and outstanding military,

professional, and civilian careers, Colonel Glenn R. Marchi has earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his friends, family and colleagues; 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Colonel Glenn R. Marchi of the New York Army National Guard upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished military service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Colonel Glenn R. Marchi, 11 Doran Drive, Hopewell Junction, New York 12533.