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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring veteran Donald Tannen, a member of the United States Navy during World War II, for his many years of dedicated service to our Nation's veterans

WHEREAS, Members of the United States Armed Forces, who served so faithfully and courageously in wars in which our Nation's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace during peacetime, deserve the highest commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor veteran Donald Tannen, a member of the United States Navy during World War II, for his many years of dedicated service to our Nation's veterans; and

WHEREAS, A strong advocate for veterans, Donald Tannen has been instrumental in the restoration of the Van Cortlandt Park Memorial Grove, a project that has recently been initiated due to his activism; this grove of trees in Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx, New York, is a memorial to servicemen who died in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, The memorial had fallen into disrepair over the decades, and was in a deplorable condition when Donald Tannen brought it to the attention of the community; because of his efforts, newspapers and television stations broadcast stories about the Van Cortlandt Park Memorial Grove, and the Parks Department was urged to make restorations; and

WHEREAS, A grant provided the necessary funding in order for the Parks Department to begin the restoration project; and

WHEREAS, Donald Tannen has received several military awards, including the World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, and the Combat Action Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Donald Tannen has been the recipient of the Community Service Award from Bronx Community Board 8; he has made a strong commitment to the memory of all fallen servicemen, and is proving to be a true asset to society; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body, representing the people of the State of New York, is very pleased to have this opportunity to express its

gratitude to Donald Tannen, as well as all the men and women of the United States Armed Forces for their tremendous sacrifices made for our Nation and for the benefit of all Americans; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor veteran Donald Tannen, a member of the United States Navy during World War II, for his many years of dedicated service to our Nation's veterans; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to United States Navy veteran Donald Tannen.