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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Brigadier General Dennis Kerr upon the occasion of his designation as The Man of the Year by The Pederson-Krag Center

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have 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 a special salute from 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 Brigadier General Dennis Kerr upon the occasion of his designation as The Man of the Year by The Pederson-Krag Center on Wednesday, June 16, 2010, in Northport, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Kerr grew up in Huntington, New York, and graduated from La Salle Military Academy and went on to attend the Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina; six hours after his graduation, he was out on active duty and was on active duty for 31 straight years; and

WHEREAS, Most of those years, Brigadier General Dennis Kerr was in command of soldiers in active duty throughout the world; he served three tours in Vietnam as Gunnery Commander in the 82nd Airborne Division, where he was shot down twice in the same day in different helicopters; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Dennis Kerr has numerous awards and accolades, but he considers his biggest accomplishment to be his efforts in getting a DNA database for each soldier; this particular database ensures that there will never be an "Unknown Soldier"; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Dennis Kerr's years of strong determination assured that this special project would come to fruition; he is a true asset to society; and

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

honor Brigadier General Dennis Kerr upon the occasion of his designation as The Man of the Year by The Pederson-Krag Center; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brigadier General Dennis Kerr.