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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lieutenant General Franklin L. Hagenbeck, Superintendent at the United States Military Academy, West Point, upon the occasion of his retirement after 39 years of distinguished service to this great Nation

WHEREAS, Individuals who dedicate their lives to military service merit the commendation and applause of all citizens for their commitment to the preservation of American freedom; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lieutenant General Franklin L. Hagenbeck, Superintendent at the United States Military Academy, West Point, upon the occasion of his retirement after 39 years of distinguished service to this great Nation; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion will be celebrated at a Retirement and Change of Command Ceremony on Monday, July 19, 2010, at Trophy Point Amphitheatre, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Hagenbeck assumed duties as the 57th Superintendent of the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, in June of 2006; he was born in Morocco to a United States Navy family; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Hagenbeck attended high school in Jacksonville, Florida, and was commissioned from the United States Military Academy in 1971; at Florida State University, he earned a Masters of Science Degree in Exercise Physiology and served as an assistant football coach; and

WHEREAS, While assigned to the United States Military Academy's Department of Physical Education, Franklin Hagenbeck earned a Masters of Business Administration from Long Island University; his military educa-

tion includes the Army War College, Army Command and General Staff College, and the Infantry Officer Advanced Course; and

WHEREAS, General Hagenbeck has commanded at every level from company through division, culminating as Commanding General of the 10th Mountain Division; he has also served in the 25th Infantry Division, 10th Mountain Division, 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions, and TRADOC; and

WHEREAS, Before becoming Superintendent, General Hagenbeck served as the United States Army's Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, and in numerous staff positions, including Chief of Staff, 10th Mountain Division; Director, Officer Personnel Management Directorate, U.S. Total Army Personnel Command; and Assistant Division Commander (Operations), 101st Airborne Division; and

WHEREAS, General Hagenbeck has served in numerous Joint assignments, including Exchange Officer and Tactics Instructor to the Royal Australian Infantry Center; Deputy Director for Politico-Military Affairs; Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate (J5); and Deputy Director for Current Operations, J33, Joint Staff; he also served as Commander, Coalition Joint Task Force Mountain, Operations Enduring Freedom/Anaconda and Deputy Commanding General, and was on the Combined Joint Task Force 180 in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, General Hagenbeck's decorations include: the Distinguished Service Medal; the Defense Superior Service Medal with one oak-leaf cluster; the Legion of Merit with four oak-leaf clusters; the Bronze Star with one oak-leaf cluster; the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak-leaf clusters; the Army Commendation Medal with one oak-leaf cluster; the Army Achievement Medal; the Air Assault Badge; the Master Parachutist Badge; the Expert Infantryman Badge; Australian, British, and Honduran Airborne Wings; the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge; and the Army Staff Identification Badge; and

WHEREAS, General Hagenbeck has redefined West Point's leader development program in the area of professional ethics, revamped the athletic

program into a self-sustaining economic department and fielding 25 competitive intercollegiate teams, and updating an already superb academic curriculum that has been recognized by FORBES as the No.1 liberal arts college/university in America; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Judy and their two children, as well as their four grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, For more than 39 years, General Hagenbeck rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the United States Army, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, General Hagenbeck proudly served his country with loyalty, honor and distinction, and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; 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 Lieutenant General Franklin L. Hagenbeck, Superintendent at the United States Military Academy, West Point, upon the occasion of his retirement after 39 years of distinguished service to this great Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lieutenant General Franklin L. Hagenbeck, Superintendent at the United States Military Academy, West Point.