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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the members of the Willard Hospital Division of the 343rd General Hospital Unit upon the occasion of their deployment to serve their country during the Korean War

WHEREAS, Thousands of military personnel from the great State of New York have served their country faithfully and courageously, with dedication and sacrifice, and are due the praise and just recognition of this Legislative Body for their role in defense of our Nation's liberty and freedom; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the members of the Willard Hospital Division of the 343rd General Hospital Unit upon the occasion of their deployment to serve their country during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, On June 25, 1950, Communist North Korea invaded South Korea with approximately 135,000 troops, thereby initiating the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, In response to a June 27, 1950, United Nations resolution calling for assistance for the Republic of Korea (South Korea), President Harry S. Truman ordered American air and naval forces activated and, on June 30, 1950, committed United States ground forces to the Korean battle zone; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 5,720,000 members of the Armed Forces served during the Korean War, of which 482,000 were from New York State, to defeat the spread of communism in Korea and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, The Seneca County soldiers who were deployed on September 3, 1950, include: Lieutenant Colonel James A. Brussel, Major Oscar K. Diamond, Captain Harold E. Cuer, First Lieutenants Laurence C. Gardner, Marion E. Mathews, Aurora M. Morganti, Josephine M. Schramm, Master

Sergeants Harold L. Belile, Francis P. Flynn, Gerald M. Van Nostrand, Sergeant First Class John W. Bradley, Herbert J. DeLyser, Sr., Arthur M. Johnson, Arthur K. Miller, Kenneth P. Van Huben, Sergeants William E. Colburn, David F. Covert, Robert J. Doane, John B. Garlick, Charles O. Holmberg, Robert L. Kaufman, Eldred L. McCoy, Leon T. McWhortler, Cecil J. Meyer, John L. Pierson, Edmund J. Redditt, William M. Reed, Joseph P. Rizzieri, Edward V. Thompson, Corporals Charles H. Boyer, James H. Braneiforte, Edward F. Brewer, Eugene A. Cannuli, James G. Dibble, Charles F. Dineen, Kenneth A. Hoff, Harold F. Johnson, Jesse M. Jones, Lloyd B. Kenyon, William R. Langley, Thomas J. Lewis, Jr., Myron M. McCoy, Herbert J. McCutcheon, Richard T. McMinn, Calvin J. Miller, Harold Potis, Lester T. Rice, Jr., George W. Slack, Albert R. Thompson, Jack K. Van Nostrand, Privates First Class Robert E. Cool, Wilfrid M. Cotter, Frederick Doolittle, Kendrick A. Kellogg, Gordon E. Mitchell, Frank W. Porter, Ray C. Porter, Alfred W. Prouty, James W. Van Atta, Ray H. Van Nostrand, John J. Wooledge, Privates Norman F. Andrews, Albert G. Brown, Walter F. Caward, James J. Dalusio, Torrey K. Fritts, John W. Guthrie, Bruce F. Hammond, Donald D. Herman, William T. Lattimer, Valentine A. Lisk, Bernard J. Long, Edward J. McArdle, Theodore A. McCann, Edward McDonald, Joseph H. McDonald, Edward M. McGuire, Louis R. Rizzieri and Recruits James P. Mannix, Jr., Donald A. Rice, Laurence P. Sheldon, Robert M. Sibley; and

WHEREAS, The fighting lasted three years; during the 37-month period more than 54,000 Americans died; 33,651 were killed in action; there were 103,000 Americans wounded; 8,177 missing in action; and 7,000 prisoners of war; and

WHEREAS, The death toll included 2,249 New Yorkers, with another 6,530 wounded; and

WHEREAS, The Korean War was the first direct conflict of the Cold War between the United States and communist forces; and

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troops to a combat zone to contain communist aggression; stemming the spread of communism was a foreign policy goal during the Cold War; and WHEREAS, The Korean War is referred to as the "forgotten war" because it came on the heels of World War II and was overshadowed by the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, acting on behalf of the citizens of this Empire State to act now, with great respect and reverent esteem, in honoring the members of the Willard Hospital Division of the 343rd General Hospital Unit who served their State and Nation so valiantly and honorably in the defense of freedom and democracy during the Korean conflict; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the members of the Willard Hospital Division of the 343rd General Hospital Unit upon the occasion of their deployment to serve their country during the Korean War; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Willard Hospital Division of the 343rd General Hospital Unit.