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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lieutenant Colonel Glendon A. Fraser upon the occasion of his designation by the Orange County United Way as a recipient of a Marion S. Murphy Neighbors Helping Neighbors Award on March 17, 2011

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of organizations and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lieutenant Colonel Glendon A. Fraser upon the occasion of his designation by the Orange County United Way as a recipient of a Marion S. Murphy Neighbors Helping Neighbors Award on March 17, 2011, at Anthony's Pier 9 in New Windsor, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Neighbors Helping Neighbors Award is named in memory of Marion S. Murphy, former Orange County Clerk and longtime Orange County United Way Board member; and

WHEREAS, Each year this most prestigious award is bestowed upon an individual or individuals whose value and concern for mankind is demonstrated through his or her vision, leadership, services, and commitment to the people of Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Glendon Fraser was born in Jamaica West Indies on December 18, 1961, to parents Sydney and Clara Fraser; the youngest of seven children, he, his parents and his siblings immigrated to the United States in 1970; his formative and school years were spent in New Rochelle, New York, and it was his first plane ride to New York that sparked his interest in aviation, a dream that he has held since he was eight years old; and

WHEREAS, Glendon Fraser is a graduate of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida; he received his Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautical science in 1984; he also holds aeronautical licenses as a commercial pilot, flight engineer (turbojet

powered), certified flight instructor, instrument ground instructor and airline transport pilot; and

WHEREAS, Glendon Fraser is type rated on the Boeing 737, Boeing 757 and the Boeing 767; he has also flown the Boeing 727 commercially, and his military aircraft experience includes the Lockheed C-5A Galaxy, the Cessna T-37 and the Northrop T-38; and

WHEREAS, Glendon Fraser is currently a line check Captain for Continental Airlines Inc. on the Boeing 737 aircraft; he has been employed with Continental Airlines for 25 years; he is also an officer for New York Air National Guard and holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Glendon Fraser is a pilot for the 105th Airlift Wing located in Newburgh, New York, and has been employed by the New York Air Guard for 23 years; he is currently a command pilot on the C-5A aircraft; and

WHEREAS, While serving for the New York Air National Guard, Lieutenant Colonel Fraser has received many medals and awards, one of which is the Air Medal, for his participation during Operation Desert Storm; while he was a crewmember, he made more than 30 missions into the combat area; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Glendon Fraser received the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Aerial Achievement Medal for his sustained aerial support into Saudi Arabia in direct support of a combat operation during Operation Desert Storm; he has also received the Kuwait Liberation medal

(Saudi Arabian Government), and numerous other awards and decorations; and

WHEREAS, Possessing a special interest for baseball and a former minor league player for the Houston Astros, Lieutenant Colonel Glendon Fraser is the President of the Major General Irene Trowell-Harris chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., located at Stewart Air National Guard Base; as chapter president, he has overseen the distribution of a significant amount in tuition grants to 115 recipients; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Lieutenant Colonel Glendon Fraser has forged many community partnerships and helped to enhance the quality of aviation mentors in the Hudson Valley; he is also an active member in the Organization of Black Aerospace Personnel (OBAP), an organization whose primary goal is to help support the growth of minorities in the field of aerospace; and

WHEREAS, An advocate for youth in aviation, Lieutenant Colonel Glendon Fraser has overseen the development, implementation and continuation of the Lee A. Archer, Jr. Red Tail Youth Flying Program, currently in its ninth year; the program is designed to enhance and promote youth in aviation within the context of mentoring and sharing life skills; and WHEREAS, The program includes classroom activity, field trips, guest lectures and hands on flying for participating students; Lieutenant Colonel Glendon Fraser has received the Glenn E. Hines Memorial Boys and Girls Club Community Service Award and the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bountiful Harvest Award for community service and initiatives; he is also a 2005 recipient of the Orange County Human Rights Commission Humanitarian Award, and was awarded the Tuskegee Airmen East Coast Region Leadership Award for his outstanding leadership as chapter president in 2008; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Violet and their daughter, Olivia, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to society, Lieutenant Colonel Glendon A. Fraser's distinguished record merits the recognition and respectful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lieutenant Colonel Glendon A. Fraser upon the occasion of his designation by the Orange County United Way as a recipient of a Marion S. Murphy Neighbors Helping Neighbors Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lieutenant Colonel Glendon A. Fraser.