

## **2011-J1630**

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION celebrating the life and accomplishments of William Gray, Sr. distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Former members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably in wars in which this country's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace in peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited their patriotism both at home and abroad, these men and women demonstrated their love for their country and merit forevermore, the highest respect of their State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, The late William J. Gray, Sr. was honored on Monday, May 2, 2011, at the Albany County "Honor a Veteran Ceremony" in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, William J. Gray, Sr. of Delmar, New York, died on August 29, 2009; he was born on November 9, 1930, in Albany, New York; in 1955, he served in the United States Air Force and National Security Agency; and

WHEREAS, During his active duty military service, William J. Gray, Sr. was in the Korean conflict and received the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and United Nations Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, After his military service, William J. Gray, Sr. was employed as a lawyer with the Albany Corporation Counsel's Office, Public Defender's Office and New York State Legislature; in 1958, he entered the private practice of law; and

WHEREAS, In addition, William J. Gray, Sr. was a member of the North Albany American Legion Post and served as the Judge Advocate of the American Legion; he was also a member of the Korean War veterans organization; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, William J. Gray, Sr. was President

of the Bethlehem Business and Professional Men's Association, as well as a member of the Board of Hope House; and

WHEREAS, William J. Gray, Sr. is survived by his wife, Helen; he is also survived by his children: William J. Gray, Jr. (Betsy); Robert Gray; Christine M. Molinsek (Stephen); Elizabeth A. Augstell (Stephen); and Richard Gray (Tracy); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the life and accomplishments of William J. Gray, Sr., distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of William J. Gray, Sr.