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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sergeant First Class Stephen J. Nadelhaft upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the 244th Medical Clinic, New York Guard

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, Individuals who devote their lives to military service merit the commendation and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State for their dedication and sacrifices which ensure our continued role as a Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sergeant First Class Stephen J. Nadelhaft upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the 244th Medical Clinic, New York Guard, to be celebrated at its Annual Reception and Retirement Dinner at Tre Angelina Restaurant in Monroe, New York, on Sunday, April 29, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1917, the New York Guard is an all-volunteer, unpaid component of the state's military forces; its mission is to augment state military forces and support civil authorities within the state; and

WHEREAS, The 244th Medical Clinic is the principal, centrally located medical asset of the New York Guard; with approximately 35 members, the soldiers and officers of the 244th Medical Clinic are unpaid volunteer physicians, surgeons, psychiatrists, dentists, nurses, psychologists, paramedics, and experts in emergency planning and response, among other professionals; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Stephen J. Nadelhaft is a resident of Yorktown Heights, a contract specialist with IBM and an Emergency Medical Technician; and

WHEREAS, On May 18, 2002, Sergeant First Class Stephen J. Nadelhaft entered the New York Guard, with the rank of Sergeant; for many years, he has ably served both as an EMT and as the administrative Non-Commis-

sioned Officer-in-Charge of the 244th Medical Clinic; and  
WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Stephen J. Nadelhaft expects to retire from the New York Guard August 13, 2012, after over 10 years of voluntary service to the State; and  
WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous accolades, Sergeant First Class Stephen J. Nadelhaft has been decorated with the New York Guard Commander's Citation and awarded the New York Guard Operations Support Medal in recognition of his work advancing the mission of medical readiness of New York Army National Guard troops; and  
WHEREAS, Moreover, the United States Army twice awarded Sergeant First Class Stephen J. Nadelhaft the Certificate of Appreciation for Patriotic Public Service for his work in support of the Junior Reserve Officer Training Program New York Cadet Leadership Camp in 2010 and 2011; and  
WHEREAS, When budget cutbacks eliminated planned nursing coverage, the program, capstone of yearlong training for over 300 high school cadets, would have been cancelled; Sergeant First Class Stephen J. Nadelhaft, along with other members of the 244th Medical Clinic, took unpaid leave from work to provide medical support every day of the week-long program in each year, allowing the program to go forward and saving tens of thousands of dollars that would otherwise have been wasted; and  
WHEREAS, Over his many years of unpaid, voluntary duty in the New York Guard, Sergeant First Class Stephen J. Nadelhaft has provided many thousands of dollars of service value to the state; and

WHEREAS, This significant and effective voluntary service to community has been a defining characteristic of Sergeant First Class Stephen J. Nadelhaft; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Sergeant First Class Stephen J. Nadelhaft over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sergeant First Class Stephen J. Nadelhaft upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the 244th Medical Clinic, New York Guard; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sergeant First Class Stephen J. Nadelhaft.