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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Colonel Glenda A. Shearn upon the occasion of her retirement after 26 years of distinguished service as a member of the New York Army National Guard

WHEREAS, 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Colonel Glenda A. Shearn upon the occasion of her retirement after 26 years of distinguished service as a member of the United States Army National Guard, to be observed at a retirement dinner in July of 2012; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Glenda A. Shearn, a certified Physician Assistant, joined the New York Army National Guard September 18, 1985, as a Warrant Officer; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her entire military career, Colonel Glenda A. Shearn has served in the New York Army National Guard Medical Command; and

WHEREAS, Following authorization of the Army to commission Physician Assistants, Colonel Glenda A. Shearn became an officer in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Glenda A. Shearn has been activated many times for state military missions, including the military response to Hurricane Floyd in 1999, service in 2001 and 2002 for the '9/11' crisis, the Republican National Convention in 2004, and for emergency relief for Hurricane Irene in 2011; and

WHEREAS, In 2004 and 2005, Colonel Glenda A. Shearn served on federal active duty for the Persian Gulf War and was deployed to Afghanistan in 2008 for Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Glenda A. Shearn has received federal decorations for superior achievement and service, including two awards of the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation and Achievement medals; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Colonel Glenda A. Shearn has received four awards of the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, two awards of the National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign

Star, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, two awards of the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Army Service ribbon and NATO Medal, and New York State awards including three Letters of Appreciation, two Certificates of Commendation, the NY Physical Fitness Ribbon, Medal for Humane Service to New York State, Medal of Merit, Defense of Liberty Medal and the Operation Enduring Freedom Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Glenda A. Shearn has ably served and led in her many assignments including: as staff Physician Assistant throughout her entire military career; Executive Officer and Officer-in-Charge of Medical Command; Deputy Task Force Surgeon of the 27th Infantry Brigade during its deployment to Afghanistan; and, at the time of her retirement, Deputy Commander of Medical Command; and

WHEREAS, On April 1, 2012, Colonel Glenda A. Shearn retired after 26 years of exemplary service to her State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which individuals, such as Colonel Glenda A. Shearn have served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who have risked their lives for their beloved Nation; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited her patriotism both at home and abroad, Colonel Glenda A. Shearn has demonstrated her love for her country and merits forevermore, the highest respect of her State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Our Nation's veterans deserve to be recognized, commended and thanked by the people of the State of New York for their service and for

their dedication to their communities, their State and their Nation;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Colonel Glenda A. Shearn upon the occasion of her retirement after 26 years of distinguished service as a member of the United States Army National Guard; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Colonel Glenda A. Shearn.