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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Owen J. Soraghan posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on October 6, 2014

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; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend those who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Owen J. Soraghan posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony for his courageous and dedicated service to his country, which was held on Monday, October 6, 2014, at the American Legion Joseph E. Zaloga Post 1520, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1993, a committee was formed by the Albany County Veterans Bureau known as the Albany County Honor-A-Veteran Committee to honor deceased Albany County veterans who have served their country in time of conflict; the Honor-A-Veteran Program takes place monthly on the first Monday of each month; and

WHEREAS, Born on May 25, 1901, in County Cavin, Ireland, Owen J. Soraghan left Ireland, and moved to Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Owen J. Soraghan served his country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Army during World War I, stationed in France and Belgium from 1918-1919; and

WHEREAS, A Private 1st Class in the C.O.B. Infantry, Owen J. Soraghan

was awarded numerous awards and medals in recognition of his outstanding service, including the revered Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, After his commendable military career, Owen J. Soraghan held the position of Supervisor of the City of Albany Department of Public Works, and served as Co-founder and Second Commander of the Louis W. Oppenheim V.F.W. Post 1019, Albany; and

WHEREAS, Owen J. Soraghan is survived by his loving son, Owen, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoiced in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Owen J. Soraghan demonstrated his love for his country and truly merits forevermore, the highest respect of his State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Owen J. Soraghan's service to his country deserves to be recognized and commended by the people of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Owen J. Soraghan posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on October 6, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Owen J. Soraghan.