

## 2015-J483

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Arthur M. Rockwell, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on January 12, 2015

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 Arthur M. Rockwell, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on January 12, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Arthur M. Rockwell, Jr. was born on November 28, 1938, in Troy, New York; he served his country with honor and distinction from 1956-1962, as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Arthur M. Rockwell, Jr. was the recipient of numerous awards and medals in recognition of his outstanding service, including the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon leaving the Marine Corps with the distinguished rank of Corporal (E-3), Arthur M. Rockwell, Jr. owned and operated several jewelry stores in Ballston Spa, Saratoga Springs, Colonie, and Defreestville, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Arthur M. Rockwell, Jr. was employed by the New York State Compensation Rating Board for 10 years; and was a lifetime member of the Marine Corps League; and

WHEREAS, For over 40 years, Arthur M. Rockwell, Jr. and his wife flew their plane in search of gold; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; 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, 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 Arthur M. Rockwell, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on January 12, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Arthur M. Rockwell, Jr.