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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Corporal Saverio John Rea posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its 2015 Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony

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 Corporal Saverio John Rea posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its 2015 Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Born in Troy, New York, to Josephine Cesta and John Rea, Corporal Saverio John Rea attended the LaSalle Institute; he was the loving brother of two sisters, Josephine and Kay; and

WHEREAS, In March of 1942, Corporal Saverio John Rea began serving his country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Marine Corps during World War II; and

WHEREAS, On June 3, 1943, 19-year-old Corporal Saverio John Rea died of injuries sustained in an airplane accident at sea near Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides; and

WHEREAS, His name has been part of the acronym on the CARB Garrison Club in Troy, New York, as he was one of the first men from Troy who gave the ultimate sacrifice fighting for his country during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which Corporal Saverio John Rea served his country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Corporal Saverio John Rea demonstrated his love for his country and merits 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 Corporal Saverio John Rea posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Corporal Saverio John Rea.