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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 80th Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars William M. Gouse Jr. Post 3211 of Hicksville, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and support the purposeful cause of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States of America, recognizing its long and sustained commitment to the principles of democracy and freedom so revered by this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars William M. Gouse Jr. Post 3211; this momentous occasion was celebrated with a Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 14, 2015, in Hicksville, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 3211 was originally named the Manetto Plains Post, and its charter was approved on February 4, 1935; during this time, of its 51 members, 20 were comrades from the First World War; and

WHEREAS, In memory of one of its charter members, the Post was renamed the William M. Gouse Jr. Post 3211 in 1938, and moved into its existing building on Grand Avenue just ten years later; and

WHEREAS, Among the first veterans' organizations to make a donation for the refurbishing of the Statue of Liberty, VFW Post 3211 has also made donations to the Hicksville Veterans Memorial Fund, including the Korean and Vietnam monuments at Hicksville Middle School and the Nassau monuments at Eisenhower Park, as well as donations to the Long Island National Cemetery to modify and relocate the carillon; and

WHEREAS, VFW William M. Gouse Jr. Post 3211 has been the recipient of

numerous awards and accolades including the 2009 Veterans of Foreign Wars National Recognition Award for its contributions through sponsorship and promotion of local community program activities; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, in 2014, the Post had the privilege of sponsoring Boy Scout Troop 3211, as well as hosting the Hicksville Memorial Day Parade and the Veterans Day Ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, The members of the VFW Post 3211 are always available to support veterans and their families in times of need; they are a symbol of military heritage, community and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, The occasion of the 80th Anniversary of the founding of VFW Post 3211 is a time to pause and reflect on the events it conducts in reverent tribute to the men and women who served their country in defense of its ideals of democracy and freedom, on the many contributions rendered to community organizations, and on its continuing efforts to foster understanding of their heritage and role in society; and

WHEREAS, VFW William M. Gouse Jr. Post 3211 has a noble past, accomplishing its mission and performing its good deeds in a spirit of comradeship true to the highest traditions of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Mindful of its proud and honored history, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3211 celebrates with just pride and true honor, its 80th Anniversary of service to its community and the needs and values of veterans across the State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the devoted leadership of the Post's outstanding Commanders, both present and past, and the absolute commitment of its many proud members, noting the role played by this exceptional organization and recognizing the

significance of the contributions and sacrifices of the membership of the Veterans of Foreign Wars William M. Gouse Jr. Post 3211; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars William M. Gouse Jr. Post 3211; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Veterans of Foreign Wars William M. Gouse Jr. Post 3211, Hicksville, New York.