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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John H. Reid posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on December 8, 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 these 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 John H. Reid posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on December 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, John H. Reid was born on June 15, 1921, in Troy, New York; he served his country with honor and distinction from 1943-1945, as a 1st Lieutenant of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, John H. Reid was the recipient of numerous awards and medals in recognition of his outstanding service, including the Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal; and

WHEREAS, In 1947, John H. Reid graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; and in 1951, he graduated from Albany Medical College; and

WHEREAS, John H. Reid was a family Physician in private practice for 32 years; he also served as the School Physician for the Averill Park School District for 24 years, and held the positions of Rensselaer County Coroner and Medical Examiner for 6 years; and

WHEREAS, In addition, John H. Reid was the Health Commissioner of Rensselaer County from 1977-1985; he was a member and Past President of the Rensselaer County Medical Society, and a member of both the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association; furthermore, he was a member of the American Academy of Family Practice in County, State, and National divisions; 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 John H. Reid posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on December 8, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of John H. Reid.