

## 2015-K215

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 96th Anniversary of the Robert Lee Walsh American Legion Post 337 Broadalbin, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those patriotic organizations and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 96th Anniversary of the Robert Lee Walsh American Legion Post 337 Broadalbin New York, to be celebrated March 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is the nation's largest and most powerful organization of US wartime veterans and their families; they have continued to deliver substantial improvements of veterans, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, On September 18, 1919, local world war veterans, led by Dr. BE Chapman, met and voted to form the local American Legion Robert Lee Walsh Post 337, named in memory of the only area soldier killed in action; and

WHEREAS, The Robert Lee Walsh American Legion Post 337 purchased the building once owned by the local McKean Post 289, Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) which was a Civil War group committed to serving their community; and

WHEREAS, In 1921, the Robert Lee Walsh American Legion Post 337 welcomed the Woman's Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, The longevity of any organization is due to the faithful dedication of its members, and the American Legion Auxiliary has had many wonderful volunteers throughout its 96 years of service; its

mission has been steadfast in helping veterans, military, their families and children, as well as the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The Robert Lee Walsh American Legion Post 337 has an Adopt-a-Veteran program, and also supports local Homeless Homes for Female and Male Veterans; and

WHEREAS, Continuing their community support and involvement mission, the members of the Robert Lee Walsh American Legion Post 337 offer financial and personal support to Youth Programs, the local Ambulance Corps, local Volunteer Fire Departments, K-9 Unit of the Fulton County Sheriff, and scholarships for Oratorical Competitions of a Patriotic nature; and

WHEREAS, The Robert Lee Walsh American Legion Post 337, formed to offer honor and respect to the many that have selflessly served God and Country, is proud of its Color Guard and participates in services which honors the passing of a fellow veteran and once a year, participates in the Four Chaplains Service; and

WHEREAS, The Robert Lee Walsh American Legion Post 337's program "Rose for Soldiers", sends packages containing items from home to soldiers throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Robert Lee Walsh American Legion Post 337 continues its dedication to fostering the traditions of patriotism, excellence, and commitment which have made our nation strong; it is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize the significance of their contributions and to note their worthy endeavors which have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 96th Anniversary of the Robert Lee Walsh American Legion

Post 337 Broadalbin, New York, and to commend its members, past and present, on behalf of a grateful community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to the Robert Lee Walsh American Legion Post 337.