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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Lieutenant Colonel Troy A. Schnack upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the United States Military Academy and the United States Army

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize those remarkable individuals who honorably and courageously serve their country in order to protect the life and liberty of our citizens, and whose military service, professional lives, and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Lieutenant Colonel Troy A. Schnack upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, and the United States Army, to be celebrated on Friday, May 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Troy A. Schnack graduated from the United States Military Academy Preparatory School, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, in 1992; while a student, he was a member of the Dean's List and served as the final quarter's Cadet Battalion Commander in charge of approximately 250 Cadets; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Troy A. Schnack earned a Bachelor's degree in Economics with a minor in Computer Sciences Engineering from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York; he graduated at the top of his class and was recognized as a Distinguished Honor Graduate; in addition, he was awarded a summer internship in the Congressional Budget Office National Security Division, and was a member of Phi Kappa Phi; and

WHEREAS, Troy A. Schnack furthered his education by attending The Fletcher School at Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts; in 2005, he

received a Master's degree in Law and Diplomacy, and then obtained his Ph.D. in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Troy A. Schnack also successfully completed many military courses, including Basic Training, Cannon Fire Direction Specialist, Airborne, Air Assault, Master Fitness Trainers, Infantry Captains Career, and Combined Arms and Services Staff School, as well as Command and General Staff School; and

WHEREAS, For many years, Lieutenant Colonel Troy A. Schnack rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the United States Military Academy and the United States Army, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, From 1990-2003, Lieutenant Colonel Troy A. Schnack proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army in several different capacities, including an Enlisted Fire Direction Specialist for the 1st Battalion, 319th Field Artillery Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division in both North Carolina and Iraq; Battery Fire Direction Officer, Platoon Leader, and Battalion Fire Direction Officer for the 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery, 4th Division, in Colorado and Kuwait; and for the 4th Battalion, 42nd Field Artillery, 4th Infantry Division, in Texas and Iraq; and

WHEREAS, In August of 2007, Lieutenant Colonel Troy A. Schnack began his work for the Department of Social Sciences at the United States Military Academy; throughout his tenure, he held the positions of Officer in Charge, West Point Model United Nations Team, Assistant Professor of both International Political Economy and Officership and Principles of Economics and Officership, Instructor of Principles of Economics and International Political Economy, Principles of Economics, and International Relations; and

WHEREAS, From July of 2009 to August of 2010, Lieutenant Colonel Troy A. Schnack served as a participant of the Provincial Government Advisory Team, al-Anbar Province, Ramadi, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return to the United States, Lieutenant Colonel Troy A. Schnack became a member of the administration faculty at the United States Military Academy, serving as Assistant Dean for Plans, Analysis, and Personnel, Chief of Protocol; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, Lieutenant Colonel Troy A. Schnack attained the esteemed position of Executive Officer to the Superintendent, the title from which he will officially retire; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as an educator and a soldier, Lieutenant Colonel Troy A. Schnack served with loyalty, honor and distinction, was governed by a keen sense of duty, and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Darcy Schnack, and their three children, Ainsley, Avery, and Rowan, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who dedicate their lives to military service merit the commendation and applause of all citizens for their commitment to the preservation of American freedom; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Lieutenant Colonel Troy A. Schnack upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, and the United States Army; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lieutenant Colonel Troy A. Schnack.