

## 2015-J1564

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Debbie Casella upon the occasion of her selection as Guest of Honor by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars New York District 2 on May 2, 2015

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Casella has given not only of her time and energies but also of her competence, intelligence and leadership and consequently has been designated for special honor; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proud to commend Debbie Casella upon the occasion of her selection as Guest of Honor by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars New York District 2; a dinner will be held in her honor on Saturday, May 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1899, the mission of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts; to serve our nation's veterans, the military, and our communities; and to advocate on behalf of all veterans; and offer support to spouses and families of deployed troops; and

WHEREAS, The Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW was established in 1914; these patriotic women serve the veterans of this country and our communities in honor of their sacrifices and commitment of every man and woman who has served in uniform; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Debbie Casella became a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW 8691 in Washingtonville, New York; she held the office of Secretary for four years; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Casella was then elected to the position of President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW 8691 in 2010, a title she held for four years; for her outstanding leadership, she was the recipient of the 2010 President of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her work with the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW 8691, Debbie Casella served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Orange County Council of the Ladies Auxiliary for six years, after which she served as the District 2 Guard; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2014, Debbie Casella was elected to the esteemed role of High Office of Department Guard, a position she held until May of 2015; today, she is serving as a New York State Department Line Officer; and

WHEREAS, It takes a special dedication, a strong desire to help others and a tireless sense of community to volunteer selflessly, supporting and assisting our Nation's great heroes; and

WHEREAS, Those individuals, who have given so selflessly of their skills and dedication, are worthy and due full recognition for their valued contributions on behalf of their country and its ideals, upholding the patriotic character and principled ideals of organizations in service to their fellow man; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Debbie Casella upon the occasion of her selection as Guest of Honor by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars New York District 2 on May 2, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Debbie Casella.