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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Blase A. Regina, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on May 4, 2015

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 long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Blase A. Regina, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on Monday, May 4, 2015, at the Boyd Hilton Post 7062, Altamont, New York; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1993, a committee was formed by the Albany County Veterans Bureau known as the Albany County Honor-A-Veteran Committee to honor deceased Albany County veterans who have served their country in time of conflict; the Honor-A-Veteran Program takes place monthly on the first Monday of each month; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous and dedicated service to his country, Blase A. Regina, Jr. will be recognized at this year's May Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Blase A. Regina, Jr., who died in 2013, at the age of 50, served his country with honor and distinction from January 7, 1986 through January 5, 1990, as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, A Corporal, Blase A. Regina, Jr. served in Okinawa, Japan, as a member of the 3rd Maintenance Battalion and Third Force Service Support Group, as well as the Fleet Marine Force, where he helped to support the United States Marine Forces throughout the Western Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Blase A. Regina, Jr. was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Rifle Expert Badge, Pistol Marksmanship Badge, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation and Meritorious Mast; and

WHEREAS, Upon his discharge from the United States Marine Corps, Blase A. Regina, Jr. was employed at Atlas Copco Corporation; in addition, he was a life participant of the Boyd Hilton VFW 7062, and held the position of Junior Vice Commander for the Marine Corps League in Schenectady; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Blase A. Regina, Jr. was a member of the Helderberg American Legion 977, and both a member and a Color Guard member of the Leathernecks Motorcycle Club and the American Legion Riders; 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 Blase A. Regina, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran

Ceremony on May 4, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Blase A. Regina, Jr.