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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Staff Sergeant Douglas Kechijian upon the occasion of being named Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

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 from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend those who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Staff Sergeant Douglas Kechijian upon the occasion of being named Noncommissioned Officer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, A native of Manhasset, New York, Staff Sergeant Douglas Kechijian is a 2002 graduate of Brown University, and holds a master's degree in Exercise Physiology and Ph.D. in Physical Therapy from Columbia University; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Douglas Kechijian joined the 106th Rescue wing shortly after graduating from college; he has displayed both his skill and bravery as a veteran of multiple deployments to such places as Afghanistan, Iraq, and the Horn of Africa; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Staff Sergeant Douglas Kechijian serves as a New York National Guard Airman, and Director of Rehabilitation at Peak Performance Physical Therapy in New York; 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, The Nation's members of the Armed Forces 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; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Staff Sergeant Douglas Kechijian has displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Staff Sergeant Douglas Kechijian upon the occasion of being named Noncommissioned Officer of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Staff Sergeant Douglas Kechijian.