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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the Centennial of the United States Navy Reserve

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those organizations which give positive definition to the profile and disposition of the American Armed Forces, and those who have helped them, do so profoundly strengthen our shared commitment to the exercise of freedom; and

WHEREAS, The Naval Appropriation Act of 1916, dated March 3, 1915, established a United States Naval Reserve; and

WHEREAS, It was stated in the document "There is hereby established a United States Naval Reserve, which shall consist of citizens of the United States who have been or may be entitled to be honorably discharged from the Navy after not less than one four-year term of enlistment or after a term of enlistment during minority. The naval reserve shall be organized under the Bureau of Navigation and shall be governed by the Article for Government of the Navy and by the Naval Regulations and instructions;" and

WHEREAS, Prior to the enactment of the Naval Appropriation Act, State Naval Militias represented the Navy's manpower reserve; they demonstrated their capabilities during the Spanish-American War when they assisted in coastal defense and served aboard ships; the four auxiliary cruisers were manned from militia then from Massachusetts, New York, Michigan, and Maryland, seeing action off Cuba; and

WHEREAS, The success of the State Naval Militias in the Spanish-American War made the United States a world power; the outbreak of World War I in 1914 demonstrated that a modern war at sea required a federal naval reserve force; and

WHEREAS, Secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels and his Assistant, a

New Yorker named Franklin D. Roosevelt, launched a campaign in Congress to appropriate funding for such a force; and

WHEREAS, Navy reservists serve as a highly trained force available to meet the expanding needs of the Active Duty Navy; and

WHEREAS, Navy reservists must meet the same qualifications as those on active duty; and

WHEREAS, Reservists provide the vital skills necessary to maintain national security and support of our nation's interests worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Navy reservists serve side by side with the active duty counterparts on station, on shore, in the air, at sea and on the drill deck; the role and responsibilities of reservists factor heavily into the role of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Navy Reserve is to deliver strategic depth and operational capability to the Navy, Marine Corps, and joint Forces; and

WHEREAS, The vision of the Navy Reserve provides essential naval war fighting capabilities and expertise, strategically aligned with mission requirements, valued for readiness, innovation and agility; and

WHEREAS, Vice Admiral Robin R. Braun is the current Chief of Navy Reserve (CNR); born in Pensacola, Florida, the Admiral was commissioned in 1980 and designated a Naval aviator in February of 1981; she has accumulated 5,800 flight hours on Navy aircraft; among her many awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; and

WHEREAS, The Official logo for the Centennial is Ready Then, Ready Now and Ready Always; and

WHEREAS, Many New Yorkers have served with honor and distinction in the United States Navy Reserve during times of both war and of peace; and

WHEREAS, There will be celebrations nationwide including a year-long exhibit running from April 2015 to April 2016 at the US Navy Memorial;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate 100th Anniversary of the United States Navy Reserve, and to commend its tradition of excellence in the men and women who have served as reservists in the protection of this nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Vice Admiral Robin R. Braun, Chief of Navy Reserve (CNR).