

## 2015-J2086

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Vietnam Veteran Paul William Dunphy, Sr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the United States Postal Service on May 22, 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 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 Vietnam Veteran Paul William Dunphy, Sr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the United States Postal Service in Colonie, New York, to be celebrated on Friday, May 22, 2015, at a Memorial Day Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Paul William Dunphy, Sr. was born on August 17, 1952, in Cohoes, New York; he attended Troy High School, and later proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army in August of 1970; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his training at Fort Riley, Kansas, Paul William Dunphy, Sr. held the position of an 11E20 Armor Crewman; after successfully completing the course, he was assigned to the B CO 2nd BN 63rd Armor 1st Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, Paul William Dunphy, Sr. was then ordered to Vietnam; he landed in Hawk Hill, also known as Hill 29, which was located north of Tam KY; and

WHEREAS, After a short stay, Paul William Dunphy, Sr. was ordered to Khe Sanh located near the Laotian border and just south of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) which separated North and South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, In October of 1973, Paul William Dunphy, Sr. was discharged from the United States Army; subsequently, he was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including the Vietnam Service Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star, Purple Heart Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation Badge; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return from his military service, Paul William Dunphy, Sr. was employed with the United States Postal Service for over 30 years; he held numerous positions, including Custodian and Supervisor of Building Services at the Albany General Mail Facility, as well as Postmaster of Charlotteville, New York, before retiring in 2007; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Carol, who he met at the Albany General Mail Facility, and married on June 28, 1986, and their two sons, Paul, Jr. and Michael, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Paul William Dunphy, Sr. was an active member of several organizations, including the Combat Veteran's Motorcycle Association, Chapter 194, the Timothy Murphy American Legion Riders, the VFW and AMVETS, which are both located in Cobleskill, New York, as well as a member of the Purple Heart Association; 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 his patriotism both at home and abroad, Paul William Dunphy, Sr. has demonstrated his love for his country and merits forevermore, the highest respect of his State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when veterans of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this

great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Vietnam Veteran Paul William Dunphy, Sr. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the United States Postal Service on May 22, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Paul William Dunphy, Sr.