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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring William J. Collis posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on November 10, 2014

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 longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor William J. Collis posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony which was celebrated on November 10, 2014; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous and dedicated service to his country, William J. Collis was recognized at the November 2014 Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, William J. Collis, who died on April 25, 2014, at the age of 92, served his country with honor and distinction from August 1942 to November 1945, as a member of the United States Marine Corps; he was awarded a Certificate of Satisfactory Service for his exceptional military service; and

WHEREAS, Upon separating from his distinguished military service with the rank of Private First Class, William J. Collis attended Colgate University where he graduated in 1948; he went on to work for several pharmaceutical companies, and the New York State Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man was a life member of the 4th Marine Division Association, the Troy Detachment Marine Corps League, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

WHEREAS, William J. Collis enjoyed spending time hunting, fishing, target shooting, and reading; 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 William J. Collis posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on November 10, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of William J. Collis.