

## 2015-K542

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Alton H. Carpenter, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavors served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Alton H. Carpenter died on Saturday, May 2, 2015, in Albany, New York, at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, He was born on January 29, 1928, on his grandfather's farm in Kelsey, New York, the son of Adelbert Daniel Carpenter and Ethel LaVonne (Peckham) Carpenter; and

WHEREAS, Alton H. Carpenter was honorably discharged from not one, but two branches of the United States Armed Forces, including the U.S. Army Air Corps for service during World War II and the U.S. Air Force for service during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, A 58 year member of Harpursville American Legion Post No. 1596 in Harpursville, Broome County, New York, Alton H. Carpenter was awarded a life membership in 1969; he also served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Harpursville Veterans Memorial Corporation for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Alton H. Carpenter was a Senior Systems Analyst with the Bendix Corporation; after 32 years of distinguished service, he retired in January of 1983; he then moved to Albany, New York, and accepted the position of Administrative Assistant to the Adjutant of The American Legion, Department of New York, until his retirement in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Alton H. Carpenter served as The American Legion Department of New York Commander for the year 1981-1982; and

WHEREAS, He served in the American Legion in many capacities including Post and County Commander, Department Historian for seven years, Office

Manager and Executive Director of the American Legion Department of New York Boys State, Inc.; at the time of his death, he was a consultant to the American Legion Department of New York Legislative Committee; and WHEREAS, This remarkable man remained true to the goals and ideals of the Preamble of the American Legion Constitution by his service to God and country and devotion to mutual helpfulness by service; and WHEREAS, Subsequently, Alton H. Carpenter was a dedicated advocate for veterans and their families; and WHEREAS, Alton H. Carpenter's other activities included membership in both the Library of Congress, and the BPOE Elks Lodge 2175, Sidney, New York; and WHEREAS, Alton H. Carpenter was a longtime member of the Albany Redmen Bowling League, and as Team Captain, led his team in capturing First Place for the 2014-2015 season; and WHEREAS, Alton H. Carpenter is survived by his children, LaVonne Button, William (Cheryl Randall), Gerald, Jeffrey and Brian Carpenter (Andy Taylor), and Dona Eckert (Tony); stepchildren, Michael Whitaker, Cheryl Whitaker (Bernie Mackey), and Diane Kilmer (Kevin); his grandchildren, Tonya, Amber (Paul), Megan, Kameron (Noelle), Kollin, Joelle (Jeremy), Mark and Victoria; several great-grandchildren; and a niece, Rachel Westcott-Lawler (Bob), as well as his dear friend of many years, Ann Geer; and WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Alton H. Carpenter leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Alton H. Carpenter, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Alton H. Carpenter.