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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Ralph A. Perri for his outstanding military service during World War II

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 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 Ralph A. Perri for his outstanding military service during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Born on November 9, 1921, in Brooklyn, New York, Ralph Anthony Perri is the first son born to Anthony and Juliette Perri; he attended PS 89 and graduated from Erasmus High School; and

WHEREAS, Ralph A. Perri enlisted to proudly serve his country as a member of the United States Army in September of 1942, and entered into active service at Fort Jay, New York, on October 8, 1942; and

WHEREAS, A member of the 106th Infantry Signal Corps, Private Ralph A. Perri was part of the tenacious and heroic group of men who fought at the Battle of the Bulge at St. Vith in the Ardennes Forest in Belgium; and

WHEREAS, During this famous battle, Private Ralph A. Perri courageously volunteered to help construct a line of communication to the 424th Infantry Regiment while under direct enemy fire; the following morning, after the communications had been broken, he again proceeded cross-country, partly through opposition-held territory to lay the same line over a different route; and

WHEREAS, Private Ralph A. Perri also guarded the radio link station

one mile north of the city of St. Vith, helping to save the station from an enemy patrol, and allowing valuable equipment to be transported to the 106th Division Command Post while under constant fire from the opposition; and

WHEREAS, Upon returning under orders to the rear echelon, Private Ralph A. Perri was among those trapped by German parachutists and Tiger tanks; finding himself behind enemy lines in an unfamiliar country where he did not speak the local Belgian language, he bravely made his way back through the battlefield to rejoin his unit; and

WHEREAS, Private Ralph A. Perri was honorably discharged from military service on November 21, 1945; in recognition of his extraordinary actions, he was presented with the American Service Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal, as well as a nomination for a Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, A kind, generous, and loving husband to Sandra Perri, Ralph A. Perri is a proud and devoted father and stepfather, as well as the loving grandfather of 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; he is also a loyal friend, and a successful local businessman; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Ralph A. Perri has demonstrated his love for his country and merits forevermore the highest respect of his 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 Ralph A. Perri for his outstanding military service during World War II; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ralph A. Perri.