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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John Joseph Kowalskey posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on November 3, 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 long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John Joseph Kowalskey posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on Monday, November 3, 2014, at the American Legion Joseph E. Zaloga Post No. 1520, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1993, a committee was formed by the Albany County Veterans Bureau known as the Albany County Honor-A-Veteran Committee to honor deceased Albany County veterans who have served their country in time of conflict; the Honor-A-Veteran Program takes place monthly on the first Monday of each month; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous and dedicated service to his country, John Joseph Kowalskey was recognized at the 2014 November Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, John Joseph Kowalskey, was born on February 7, 1919, in Watervliet, New York, and lived most of his life in Albany County; and

WHEREAS, John Joseph Kowalskey served his country with honor and distinction from 1942-1945, as a Corporal with the 1st Marine Division

of the United States Marine Corps; he served in the Pacific Theater of Operations where he participated in the capture and defense of Guadalcanal, and in the Battle of Cape Gloucester on the Island of New Britain, in New Guinea; and

WHEREAS, After his military service, John Joseph Kowalskey founded the King Venetian Blind and Drapery Company in 1947, in Troy, New York; after his retirement, his son William, took over the business; and

WHEREAS, John Joseph Kowalskey was a long time communicant of the St. Ambrose Church in Latham, New York, and was a member of the Troy Knights of Columbus, the Troy Lodge of Elks, and the American Legion Mohawk Post No. 1450 in Halfmoon, New York; 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 county 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 John Joseph Kowalskey posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on November 3, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of John Joseph Kowalskey.