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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring David I. Marshall of Baldwin Harbor, New York, for his courageous 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor 90-year-old David I. Marshall of Baldwin Harbor, New York, for his courageous service during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Born in Manhattan, New York, David I. Marshall proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, A mortar crew member with the 84th Infantry Company, David I. Marshall was among the approximately 600,000 Americans involved in the Battle of the Bulge where he stood bravely against the Nazi onslaught, and helped drive German forces out of Belgium; and

WHEREAS, After the Battle of the Bulge, this brave serviceman was further ordered to cross the Belgian border and take part in operations to invade Germany; and

WHEREAS, During this time, David I. Marshall took part in crossing the highly contested Roer River, whose bridges and dams had been destroyed; he bravely moved with his unit across pontoon bridges, risking German fire, to help liberate towns on the other side; and

WHEREAS, David I. Marshall also participated in operations to break

through the heavily defended German Siegfried Line, composed of numerous bunkers and other defense works; the result of these efforts was the complete breakdown of German opposition on the Western front; and

WHEREAS, Following the completion of his military service, David I. Marshall moved to Baldwin Harbor, New York, and was employed as a chemical engineer for many years until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which David I. Marshall served his country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, David I. Marshall 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 David I. Marshall of Baldwin Harbor, New York, for his courageous military service during World War II; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David I. Marshall.