

## 2015-J2704

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Peter Pryor, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Veterans Recognition Program on June 11, 2015

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 Peter Pryor, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Veterans Recognition Program on Thursday, June 11, 2015, at the Albany County Office Building, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Albany, New York, Peter Pryor, Esq. is being recognized with this esteemed honor for his courageous and dedicated service to his country; and

WHEREAS, In the spring of 1941, Peter Pryor enlisted in the United States Army; he was assigned to the 675th Ordnance Ammunition Company, where he served at many American bases; and

WHEREAS, Along with his fellow soldiers, Peter Pryor was stationed in Europe, and stayed for some time following the fall of Berlin, Germany; and

WHEREAS, Peter Pryor, Esq. was awarded the WWII Victory Medal, and the Ruptured Duck Honorable Discharge Award for his outstanding military service; and

WHEREAS, Following his discharge from the Army, Peter Pryor became the first Black man to graduate from Albany Law School since 1871; and

WHEREAS, In 1956, Peter Pryor, Esq. was instrumental in increasing membership in the NAACP from 19 to 500 individuals; he went on to hold the position of Chair of this vital organization's Civil Redress for the New York Convention of NAACP Branches; 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 his patriotism both at home and abroad, Peter Pryor, Esq. 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 Peter Pryor, Esq. upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Veterans Recognition Program on June 11, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Peter Pryor, Esq.