

## 2015-J2706

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Hank Landau 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 Hank Landau 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, Hank Landau is being recognized with this esteemed honor for his courageous and dedicated service to his country; and

WHEREAS, At the young age of 16, Hank Landau proudly served his country with distinction as a member of the United States Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, A Seaman 1st Class on the USS Sylvania, Hank Landau was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Medal; and

WHEREAS, While aboard the USS Sylvania on July 1, 1946, Seaman Hank Landau and his crew were positioned near Bikini Atoll during Operation Crossroads; they witnessed the fourth ever atomic bomb detonation at this location, and once again on July 25, 1946; and

WHEREAS, Following his discharge from the Navy, Hank Landau earned his high school diploma; after graduation, he joined the Sheet Metal Workers

Local No. 83; and

WHEREAS, Hank Landau held the position of Union President for 22 years; he then went on to lead the local AFL/CIO contingent of the building trades for six years before retiring; 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, Hank Landau 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 Hank Landau 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 Hank Landau.