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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending George J. Fontaine upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the Annual Waterford Memorial Day Parade on May 20, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those distinguished citizens of the State of New York who devote their lifework and civic endeavor in service to their community, adding to the character and quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, George J. Fontaine is a fitting choice for Grand Marshal of the Annual Waterford Memorial Day Parade, for he embodies the spirit and the cherished ideals and values of this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend George J. Fontaine upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the Annual Waterford Memorial Day Parade, celebrated on Wednesday, May 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1927, George J. Fontaine proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy; at the young age of 17, he was assigned to the USS McCord, San Diego, California, and was deployed during World War II to the Pacific Fleet in time for operations in both the Marshall Islands and Marianas, as well as continuous action throughout the Philippines, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa campaigns; and

WHEREAS, This valiant Marine received several awards and accolades for his dedicated military service, including the American Theater Medal, the WWII Victory Medal, and the Asiatic Pacific Theater Medal with one star; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is a time when we recall those who have gone before us and sleep the sleep of peace; and the observance brings to our minds and hearts the memory of our deceased family and friends and how

much they meant to us; and

WHEREAS, Memorial Day is also a day of remembrance for the deceased veterans of our Armed Services; and in remembering our deceased veterans, we recall their brave and noble deeds that, in more than 200 years of existence of the United States, have served to preserve our most precious freedoms; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend George J. Fontaine upon the occasion of his designation as Grand Marshal of the Annual Waterford Memorial Day Parade; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to George J. Fontaine.