

## 2015-J2837

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Central Square American Legion Post 915 and the Town of Hastings upon the occasion of celebrating its Army Tank Dedication on June 14, 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 from this Legislative Body; 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Central Square American Legion Post 915 and the Town of Hastings upon the occasion of celebrating its Army Tank Dedication, to be held on Flag Day, Sunday, June 14, 2015, at Veterans Park, Central Square, New York; and

WHEREAS, For numerous years, the Central Park American Legion Post 915, the Town of Hastings and community members have worked to procure a tank to be displayed in Veterans Park; their dream will be realized on June 14, 2015, when the M60 "Patton" Battle Tank will be dedicated; and

WHEREAS, The M60 "Patton" Battle Tank has been described as a conventional tank for its time and categorized as a first generation Main Battle Tank; and

WHEREAS, In addition to viewing the tank, the citizens of Central Square will also acknowledge Flag Day, which coincides with this momentous occasion; and

WHEREAS; The American Flag, symbol of the Republic for 239 years, has undergone many changes over its history; the current 50-star version was raised for the first time officially at 12:01 a.m., July 4, 1960, at Fort McHenry National Monument in Baltimore, Maryland, heralding the

admission of our 50th state, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, The flag of the United States has inspired its citizens, soldiers, and veterans in battle, reassured us in times of peace, and comforted us at moments of great national grief; 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 country 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 commend the Central Square American Legion Post 915 and the Town of Hastings upon the occasion of celebrating its Army Tank Dedication on June 14, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Central Square American Legion Post 915, and the Town of Hastings.