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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John Remsen upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Freeport American Legion, William Clinton Story Post No. 342

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those individuals and organizations that devote their energy, resources and thoughtful care to improving the quality and character of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John Remsen upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Freeport American Legion, William Clinton Story Post No. 342, celebrated on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at the Elks Lodge of Freeport; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is a veterans' service organization which draws its membership from the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States during a period of Congressionally recognized war or armed conflict; and

WHEREAS, Born in Freeport, New York in 1933, John Remsen graduated from Freeport High School before being drafted into the United States Army in 1953; this esteemed man served his country with honor and distinction as a member of the 45th Infantry Division Korea; and

WHEREAS, John Remsen was transferred to the 3rd Division, 58th Field Artillery Battalion before he was rotated home in May of 1955, the same year he joined the Freeport American Legion; and

WHEREAS, In 1957, John Remsen married the former Grace Dish, and together the loving couple raised three children, John, Laura and Linda; today, they are the proud grandparents of 11 beautiful grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known throughout the community as a "Bayman" and "Boatbuilder", John Remsen built the Splash Boat in 1992, which is still in service today; he spent countless hours at his family's bay house as a child, eventually building his own garvey in 1954; he went on to build more than 100 garveys; and

WHEREAS, Active within his community, John Remsen has served as President of the Farmers and Booster Club; he has been on many parade committees, and is the longest serving American Legionnaire in Freeport, as well as one of only a few Legionnaires who have served more than 60 years in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which John Remsen has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is proudly moved to honor and commend the members of the Freeport American Legion, past and present, who have labored so conscientiously to secure and improve the quality of life for the community it serves; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor John Remsen upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after 60 years of dedicated service to the Freeport American Legion, William Clinton Story Post No. 342; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Remsen.