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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Deborah Bourne-Ally upon the occasion of her induction into the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame on May 19, 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding tradition, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Deborah Bourne-Ally upon the occasion of her induction into the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame, celebrated on Tuesday, May 19, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame inductees are members of any branch of the United States Armed Forces which include Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, and Marine Corps; these exceptional men and women are chosen for this prestigious honor based on either service in combat or notable work performed after discharge from the service; and

WHEREAS, Deborah Bourne-Ally was recognized with this auspicious honor for her 13 years of service, discipline, and dedication to the United States Army and her Nation; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Deborah Bourne-Ally proudly enlisted in the United State Army; on August 2, 1990, the day she commenced her basic training, the international conflict known as the Gulf War was triggered by the invasion of Iraq by Kuwait; and

WHEREAS, After her training, Deborah Bourne-Ally was mobilized during Operation Desert Storm to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, and in 1996, she was deployed to Germany, in support of the Bosnia Conflict; and

WHEREAS, After 13 years of exemplary service, Deborah Bourne-Ally attended Brooklyn College, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting; after her graduation, she was employed with the New York State Insurance Department, where she audited insurance companies; and WHEREAS, Deborah Bourne-Ally then pursued a career as an entrepreneur in both real estate and mortgages; after returning to the accounting field, she held the position of Chief Financial Officer at Tabernacle of Praise, Brooklyn, New York, a title she still holds today; and

WHEREAS, The banner of freedom will always wave over our beloved New York and all of America, the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave; and

WHEREAS, The freedoms and security we cherish as Americans come at a very high price for those serving in the military in times of conflict; it is fitting and proper that we who are the beneficiaries of those who risk their lives, must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country; 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 Deborah Bourne-Ally upon the occasion of her induction into the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame on May 19, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Deborah Bourne-Ally.