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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Anthony Thomas posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on October 13, 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 those 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 Anthony Thomas posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony which was celebrated on October 13, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Thomas was born on March 24, 1924, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Thomas proudly served his country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Coast Guard, and later as a member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and medals for his outstanding service, Anthony Thomas was awarded the American Area Medal, Victory Medal, European-African Middle-Eastern Area Medal, Asiatic Pacific Area Medal and the Philippine Liberation Medal; and

WHEREAS, After completing his distinguished military service, Anthony Thomas worked as a Sales Representative for the former Bearing Distributors in Troy for 32 years; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Thomas has been called upon to contribute his time

and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he was an active volunteer with the RPI Athletic Department and Troy Youth Hockey, and was involved in the Troy Kiwanis Club, Knights of Columbus, Frear Park Twilight Golf League and Taconic Lake Association; and

WHEREAS, A loving husband to his wife Helen, Anthony Thomas was a caring father to their five children, Andrea, Charles, Mary-Beth, Robert, and Paul, and a doting grandfather to his numerous grandchildren; 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 honor Anthony Thomas posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on October 13, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Anthony Thomas.