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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Gerald R. Jacobson posthumously upon the occasion of receiving the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service during the Korean Conflict

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, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York who have served so valiantly and honorably during the Korean Conflict, in particular those who have earned one of our Nation's highest honors, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, The Bronze Star Medal is the fourth-highest military decoration awarded to individuals who distinguish themselves by performing acts of heroism or meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Gerald R. Jacobson posthumously upon the occasion of receiving the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service during the Korean Conflict; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Gerald R. Jacobson proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Korean Conflict; assigned to the 140th Tank Battalion, he distinguished himself by heroic achievement on Hill 812, Korea, during the period of June 1-4, 1953; and

WHEREAS, Following an intense enemy artillery and mortar barrage on friendly tank positions, a fanatical enemy force launched an attack; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the ensuing battle, Corporal Gerald R. Jacobson gallantly fought from his tank until it was destroyed by enemy artillery fire; with his tank immobilized, he withdrew to a nearby bunker and continued his valiant stand; and

WHEREAS, Although completely surrounded by the enemy, Corporal Gerald R. Jacobson, lacking food, water and communications, courageously held off the adversary for over 30 hours until he was relieved by a friendly counterattack; and

WHEREAS, The determined efforts and calm demeanor of Corporal Gerald R. Jacobson, under enemy fire, served as an inspiration to all and won him both respect and admiration from his superiors and subordinates alike; 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, leaving their families behind, express our appreciation and eternal gratitude for their sacrifices and courageous acts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Gerald R. Jacobson posthumously upon the occasion of receiving the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service during the Korean Conflict; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Gerald R. Jacobson.