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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Lieutenant Colonel Andrew J. Liddle for his many years of service to the New York State Civil Air Patrol

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who are devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Lieutenant Colonel Andrew J. Liddle for his many years of service to the New York State Civil Air Patrol; and

WHEREAS, In 1960, Andrew J. Liddle graduated from the New York State Ranger School at the New York State College of Forestry, Syracuse, New York; after his graduation, he attended the New York State Police Academy, Albany, New York, and in 1966, he successfully completed the New York State Instructor Development Program; and

WHEREAS, Andrew J. Liddle then went on to proudly serve his country as a member of the United States Air Force; during his time in the military, he graduated from many Air Force colleges, completing various courses which would enable him to be the strong leader that he is today; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the years, Andrew J. Liddle held numerous positions in various fields utilizing his vast education and experience; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, Andrew J. Liddle became affiliated with the Civil Air Patrol, holding the title of United States Air Force Auxiliary lieutenant colonel; throughout his tenure, he has acted as the government relations advisor to both the New York Wing and the entire North East region; and

WHEREAS, The Civil Air Patrol enjoys a proud legacy of selfless sacrifice and service to country and community that spans decades; this vital organization was born one week prior to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS, On July 1, 1946, President Harry S. Truman signed Public Law

476 incorporating the Civil Air Patrol as a benevolent, nonprofit organization; on May 26, 1948, Congress passed Public Law 557 permanently establishing the Civil Air Patrol as the auxiliary of the new United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Three primary mission areas were set forth at the inception of the Civil Air Patrol: aerospace education, cadet programs, and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Civil Air Patrol handles 90 percent of inland search and rescue missions, with approximately 75 lives saved each year; its members are generally the first on the scene transmitting satellite digital images of the damage within seconds around the world and providing disaster relief and emergency services following natural and manmade disasters, including such phenomena as 9/11, Hurricane Katrina, Texas and Oklahoma wildfires, tornadoes in the south and central United States, North Dakota flash flooding and the October 2006 earthquake in Hawaii, as well as humanitarian missions along the United States and Mexican border; and

WHEREAS, The Civil Air Patrol makes a huge impact each and every day, going above and beyond to make a profound difference in America's communities; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their

profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Lieutenant Colonel Andrew J. Liddle for his many years of service to the New York State Civil Air Patrol; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lieutenant Colonel Andrew J. Liddle.