

## 2015-J3515

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Joseph E. Vigeant II posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on September 14, 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 these 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 Joseph E. Vigeant II posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony which was celebrated on Monday, September 14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Joseph E. Vigeant II was born on September 7, 1926, in Hudson, New York; and

WHEREAS, From September of 1942 to August of 1946, Joseph E. Vigeant II proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, While on active duty, Joseph E. Vigeant II was involved in a terrible plane crash in the Atlantic Ocean; he and his fellow crew members were able to survive on a raft until washing up on shore in Clifden, Ireland; and

WHEREAS, Upon separating from his distinguished military service, this esteemed veteran founded the Troy Neon Sign Company in 1947; and

WHEREAS, In his free time, Joseph E. Vigeant II enjoyed building and flying model airplanes, playing the banjo, and refurbishing older cars;

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WHEREAS, Joseph E. Vigeant II was a loving husband to his wife Dorothy, a caring father to his four children, Babette, Joseph, Judith and William, and a doting grandfather to his 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 Joseph E. Vigeant II posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on September 14, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Joseph E. Vigeant II.