

## 2015-J3516

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John Purcell Horton, Sr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on December 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 longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John Purcell Horton, Sr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony which was celebrated on Monday, December 14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, John Purcell Horton was born on June 21, 1920, in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, From June of 1942 to August of 1945, John Purcell Horton, Sr. proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, John Purcell Horton, Sr. bravely fought as a combat infantry soldier in the European Theater of the war, and spent time as a German prisoner of war; and

WHEREAS, Upon separating from his distinguished military service with the esteemed rank of Corporal, John Purcell Horton, Sr. worked for the New York Telephone Company for 38 years until his retirement in 1982; and

WHEREAS, An active member of his community, John Purcell Horton, Sr.

contributed his time as a member of the Holy Names Men Society, Spring Little League, Telephone Pioneers of America, American Ex-Prisoners of War, and the Emerald Athletic Club, as well as the Troy Lodge of the Elks; and

WHEREAS, In his free time, John Purcell Horton, Sr. enjoyed bowling, spending time with family and travel; and

WHEREAS, John Purcell Horton, Sr. was a loving husband to his wife Rita, a caring father to his three sons, John Jr., Robert and Timothy, 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 John Purcell Horton, Sr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on December 14, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of John Purcell Horton, Sr.