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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Irving Tracy Mason posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony on May 9, 2016

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 longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Irving Tracy Mason posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony to be celebrated on Monday, May 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Irving Tracy Mason was born on November 17, 1931, in Petersburg, New York, to Irving and Annie Goyer Mason; as a young man, he attended Berlin Central schools until the 9th grade, and later worked to help support his family; and

WHEREAS, Irving Tracy Mason enlisted as a member of the United States Army on Jun 13, 1952, and proudly served his country during the Korean War as a Heavy Machine Mechanic for two years; and

WHEREAS, Upon separating from the military with the esteemed rank of Corporal, Irving Tracy Mason moved to the Town of Grafton, and worked for 25 years as an Operating Engineer for Troy Sand and Gravel until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, In 1954, Irving Tracy Mason married his wife, Shirley Duval, and together, they were the proud parents of three children, Kathy,

Debbie and Tracy, and the loving grandparents of numerous grandchildren;
and

WHEREAS, An integral part of his community, Irving Tracy Mason contributed his time as a volunteer with the Grafton Fire Company for 25 years; he also served as an Assistant Road Superintendent for 13 years, and Road Superintendent for three years, as well as a Councilman for two years; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Irving Tracy Mason was an active member of the Boy Scouts of America, and the Grafton VFW Post No. 6340 where he was known for selling poppies every year during its annual fundraiser; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated family man, Irving Tracy Mason was an avid hunter and fisherman who enjoyed spending time with his children and 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 Irving Tracy Mason posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony on May 9, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Irving Tracy Mason.