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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Silas A. Wainwright Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6338 on March 10, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and support the purposeful cause of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States of America, recognizing its long and sustained commitment to the principles of democracy and freedom so revered by this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Silas A. Wainwright Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post No. 6338 to be celebrated on Thursday, March 10, 2016, in Gouverneur, New York; and

WHEREAS, Established on March 10, 1946, Silas A. Wainwright VFW Post No. 6338 was formed with a group of 163 charter members in Gouverneur, all of whom had fought in wars overseas; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed veteran's organization was named in memory of Pharmacist Mate First Class Silas A. Wainwright, who tragically lost his life in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, becoming the first Gouverneur area man to die for his country on that infamous day; and

WHEREAS, After a charter was approved, the members of Silas A. Wainwright VFW Post No. 6338 elected Edwin Tupper as their first Post Commander, and meetings were held above the former Sunshine Store on Main Street in the village; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to honoring those brave members of the armed forces who had died in World War II, the Silas A. Wainwright VFW Post No. 6338, in conjunction with the American Legion, gave each fallen soldier full military honors at funeral services and interments; and

WHEREAS, The Silas A. Wainwright VFW Post No. 6338 Auxiliary was

organized in 1947, and the first slate of officers was installed as the organization continued to grow and prosper; and

WHEREAS, On February 1, 1957, the Silas A. Wainwright VFW Post No. 6338 purchased a building which had once been operated as a hotel by an uncle of Silas A. Wainwright; this building was heavily damaged by a fire, and construction started on what is now the group's current location on 100 West Main Street; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the members of the Silas A. Wainwright VFW Post No. 6338 have always been available to offer support to veterans and their families in times of need; they have also been a constant symbol of our military heritage and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Silas A. Wainwright VFW Post No. 6338 continues to accomplish its mission and perform good deeds in a spirit of comradeship true to the highest traditions of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, An integral part of its community, the Silas A. Wainwright VFW Post No. 6338 has brought joy to generations of area children at its Annual Halloween Party; it has also contributed to numerous worthy local organizations including both the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, The occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the founding of the Silas A. Wainwright VFW Post No. 6338 is a time to pause and reflect on the events it conducts in reverent tribute to the men and women who served their country in defense of its ideals of democracy and freedom and its continuing efforts to foster understanding of their heritage and role in society; and

WHEREAS, Mindful of its proud and honored history, the Silas A. Wainwright VFW Post No. 6338 celebrates with just pride and true honor its

70th Anniversary of service to its community and the needs and values of veterans across the State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the

devoted leadership of the Post's outstanding Commanders, both present and past, and the absolute commitment of its many proud members, noting the role played by this exceptional organization and recognizing the significance of the contributions and sacrifices of the membership of the Silas A. Wainwright VFW Post No. 6338; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the Silas A. Wainwright Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6338 on March 10, 2016; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Silas A. Wainwright Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6338.