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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Robert Miller upon the occasion of being selected as the March honoree of the Veteran's Flag Ceremony hosted by the Hampton Bays Union Free School District

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 from this Legislative Body; 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Robert Miller upon the occasion of being selected as the March honoree of the Veteran's Flag Ceremony hosted by the Hampton Bays Union Free School District; and

WHEREAS, The Hampton Bays Union Free School District proudly honors Robert Miller for his service to the United States by flying a flag in his honor for the entire month of March at the Hampton Bays Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Robert Miller, affectionately known as Bob, was born in Brooklyn, New York in February of 1949; at an early age his parents moved to Suffolk County, first to North Babylon and then to Huntington and Smithtown; and

WHEREAS, Upon his graduation from Smithtown High School in June of 1967, Bob Miller enlisted in the United States Marine Corps; during this time he was sent to Paris Island, South Carolina for boot camp, followed by advanced infantry training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Bob Miller then volunteered for "recon" training before attending jump school at the United States Army Parachute Training

Facility in Fort Benning, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, In January of 1968, the North Vietnamese launched their biggest counteroffensive, and Bob Miller was immediately transferred to the First Battalion of the Ninth Marines and inserted into areas around the city of Khe Sahn; and

WHEREAS, During his 19 month tour of duty in Vietnam, Bob Miller was involved in numerous combat operations against both North Vietnamese troops and Viet Cong troops before being rotated home; he was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in the summer of 1970; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Bob Miller worked at various jobs before beginning his illustrious 20 year career with the Quogue Police Department in 1972; he moved to Hampton Bays in 1973, and became a member of Quogue VFW Post No. 5350; and

WHEREAS, After retirement, Bob Miller fulfilled his passion for acting and movie making by joining local acting companies; he has since been cast in several large productions where he has worked as both an actor and stunt man; and

WHEREAS, Today, Bob Miller resides with his wife Rita in Eastport, New York, where he continues his acting and movie making career; he was elected to Senior Vice-Commander of the Westhampton Beach post of the VFW; he is the proud father of five children, and has 13 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, The dedication and sacrifices of our military personnel ensure our continued role as a Nation which embodies the ideals of democracy, and is a defender of liberty for peoples throughout the world; 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 commend Robert Miller upon the occasion of being selected as the March honoree of the Veteran's Flag Ceremony hosted by the Hampton Bays Union Free School District; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert Miller.