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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Allen A. MacRoberts posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony on October 11, 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 peace time, 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 long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Allen A. MacRoberts posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony to be celebrated on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at the Rensselaer County Office Building's Hall of Heroes, Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born July 9, 1940, in Troy, New York, Allen A. MacRoberts was one of two children born to Elliott and Hazel (Hamilton) MacRoberts; he attended Troy Public Schools and Troy High School; and

WHEREAS, Allen A. MacRoberts served his country as a member of the United States Navy serving aboard the USS Bristol, and was a member of the Seabees MCB74 during the Vietnam era; and

WHEREAS, Allen A. MacRoberts' exceptional and courageous service earned him the National Defense Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V", Combat Action Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star as well as the Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device Combat Operations Insignia; and

WHEREAS, After his discharge, Allen A. MacRoberts worked for the Ford

Motor Company in Green Island, New York, for 30 years as a machine operator in the Radiator Department; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Allen A. MacRoberts was a life member of both the American Legion, Post 1489, in Wynantskill, New York, and the VFW, Post 729, in Watervliet, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Allen A. MacRoberts served as a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 1489, the Seabees of America, the C.R.A.B Club of Troy, the USS Bristol Association, the U.A.W., as well as a founding member of the Hudson River Credit Union; and

WHEREAS, Known for his devotion to his family, especially his children and grandchildren, Allen A. MacRoberts enjoyed watching his grandchildren play sports and fishing; and

WHEREAS, Allen A. MacRoberts died on Friday, March 13, 2015, at the age of 74; and

WHEREAS, Allen A. MacRoberts is survived by his loving wife, Judy (Hull) MacRoberts; three wonderful children, Kelley, Bob and Allen; two treasured grandchildren, Kara and Samantha; and his three great-grandchildren, Kaydence, Bane and Harper; 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 Allen A. MacRoberts posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony on October 11, 2016; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Allen A. MacRoberts.