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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the Four Unknown American Soldiers from the Battle of Lake George in 1755, during the early years of the French and Indian War

WHEREAS, The State of New York has played a significant role throughout the early history of our country as it moved on its path to become the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, The American Revolution was fought by colonists, many of whom learned their military skills while fighting in the French and Indian War; and

WHEREAS, In 1755, American colonists, under General W. Johnson and Native Americans under King Hendrick, fought and won the Battle of Lake George against seasoned, trained French soldiers under Baron Dieskau, the only battle won on the British side during that year; only one British soldier, who survived the battle, was present with these colonists; and

WHEREAS, These American colonists were not trained soldiers, but farmers, workers, businessmen, and professionals who were fighting in the best spirit of America to preserve their homes and families; and

WHEREAS, Over 140 Americans died during the Bloody Morning Scout, the first skirmish of this battle, and were buried where they died on the Military Road; and

WHEREAS, In the 1930s, the remains of four of these American soldiers were found in 1931 during road construction and were subsequently, reburied in 1935, in the Lake George Battlefield Park as the Four Unknown Soldiers of the Battle of Lake George; and

WHEREAS, These four valiant soldiers represent all those American colonists who died and are buried in unknown graves as a result of this battle during the French and Indian War; and

WHEREAS, These soldiers are the earliest in the long tradition of Americans who left their homes and families to become soldiers to defend this country and gave the ultimate sacrifice in this endeavor; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Four Unknown American Soldiers from the Battle of Lake George in 1755, during the early years of the French and Indian War; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Lake George Battlefield Park Alliance.