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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Michele Ladd upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Patriot of the Year Award by The Reverend Paul J. Cuddy Assembly of the Knights of Columbus on May 21st, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those organizations and individuals who devote themselves to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Michele Ladd upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Patriot of the Year Award by The Reverend Paul J. Cuddy Assembly of the Knights of Columbus at its Awards Dinner on Saturday, May 21st, 2016, at Webster Columbus Center, Webster, New York; and

WHEREAS, Heroes Home Advantage is a real estate rebate program for those that protect, serve and care for our country and community; this vital program helps our heroes save money when buying, selling or refinancing a home; and

WHEREAS, As the CEO and Founder of Heroes Home Advantage, Michele Ladd has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in her unwavering service to her community and consequently has been designated for this most prestigious commendation; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Livonia, New York, Michele Ladd is the proud daughter of a Lieutenant Commander of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Michele Ladd began her luminous real estate career; in 2010, she received her New York State Real Estate Broker License and

founded Ladd Exclusive Agency, Realtors; and

WHEREAS, Michele Ladd has been called upon to contribute her time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of herself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, As the mother of a United States Combat Marine in the Iraq Theater and, a United States Navy Sailor, coupled with her real estate background, Michele Ladd established Heroes Home Advantage in 2011; and WHEREAS, Through this exceptional program, active, former, retired and reserve members of the United States Army, the United States Air Force, the United States Marine Corps, the United States Navy, the United States Coast Guard and all military branches of the United States Reserves have received assistance in selling, buying or refinancing their homes; and

WHEREAS, In addition, law enforcement officers of the Rochester Police Department, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Monroe County Police Departments, Ontario County Sheriff's Office, Genesee County Sheriff's Office, Border Patrol; firemen of the Rochester Fire Department, Monroe County Fire Departments, Ontario County Fire Departments; first responders from Mercy Flight, Monroe County Ambulance departments; health care providers from Unity Health Hospital, U of R Health Facility; and teachers from Monroe County School Districts; as well as various organizations including Rochester Veteran's Outreach Center, Richard's House Veterans Homeless Shelter, Monroe and Ontario County Veteran's Administration, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), United States Department of Defense, NY Warrior Alliance, One TEAM One FIGHT, Marine Corp Coordinating Council, Army Strong Community Center, One Soldier at a Time, and Badge of Honor Association, as well as Meals on Wheels have also benefitted from this exceptional program; and

WHEREAS, Today, Heroes Home Advantage is comprised of over 700 realtors, lenders, home inspectors, attorneys, title companies, restaurants, home insurance companies, movers and more in over 40 states; and

WHEREAS, Through Michele Ladd's extraordinary efforts, significant funds and discounts have been distributed to participants in Heroes Home Advantage; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the heroes of her community, Michele Ladd and her team deliver meals to the local hero departments every day during the Heroes Appreciation Month in May, and over the past three years have delivered more than 3,000 meals to thank our local heroes for their services; she also encourages her 700 partners across the country to do the same every year; and

WHEREAS, Deeply committed to helping veterans across the country, Michele Ladd has helped raise funds for the Veterans Outreach Center, the Heart of God for Haiti and the Richards House Veterans Homeless Shelter; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of her community service, a period of constructive involvement, Michele Ladd has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Michele Ladd has displayed throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Michele Ladd upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the 2016 Patriot of the Year Award by The Reverend Paul J. Cuddy Assembly of the Knights of Columbus on May 21st, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michele Ladd, CEO and Founder of Heroes Home Advantage.