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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Hudson Valley Honor Flight

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so faithfully and courageously in wars in which our Nation's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace during peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Hudson Valley Honor Flight; and

WHEREAS, Hudson Valley Honor Flight (HVHF) is a local hub of the National Honor Flight Network which is a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices; it thankfully transports our heroes to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their respective war memorials, with top priority given to veterans of World War II; and

WHEREAS, Several times a year, HVHF flies out of Stewart International Airport and Westchester County Airport serving veterans from seven New York counties including Orange, Ulster, Dutchess, Westchester, Rockland, Sullivan, Putnam as well as Pike, Pennsylvania, Bergen, New Jersey, and Fairfield, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, These invaluable flights are made possible through donations which express thanks to these brave men and women of the United States armed forces; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited their patriotism both at home and abroad, these brave men and women of our military have 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 the Hudson Valley Honor Flight; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Hudson Valley Honor Flight.