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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Korean War Veteran John Ciardullo upon the occasion of being presented with several medals for his meritorious service on May 7, 2016

WHEREAS, Members of the United States Armed Forces, 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 the highest commendation of this Legislative Body; 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Korean War Veteran John Ciardullo upon the occasion of being presented with several medals for his meritorious service; this auspicious occasion was celebrated at a Medal Presentation Ceremony held on Saturday, May 7, 2016, at the Walden Village Hall in Walden, New York; and

WHEREAS, United States Representative Sean Patrick Maloney presented John Ciardullo with the following medals: the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, Combat Infantryman Badge 1st Award, and the United Nations Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Born on February 21, 1933, in Brooklyn, New York, John Ciardullo is the second of four children born to his parents; and

WHEREAS, Corporal John Ciardullo proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army from July 8, 1952 until April 30, 1954; during this time, he fought in the Third Korean Winter and the Korea Summer of 1953 Battles which were also known as Pork Chop Hill; and

WHEREAS, After completing his military service, this esteemed veteran married Clare Farace on May 4, 1957, and together, they became the proud

parents of five children, Michael, Catherine, Douglas, Richard and John Peter, and the loving grandparents of 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; recently, they celebrated their 59th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, John Ciardullo has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; he served as President of the Walden Little League, Head of the Village of Walden Basketball Program, Director of the Knights of Columbus, President of the Walden Rotary and Umpire and Chief of the Walden Little League; and

WHEREAS, In addition, John Ciardullo was the home plate umpire in the Little League World Series game in 1982 played between Canada and Taiwan, the first little league game televised by ESPN; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is very pleased to have this opportunity to express its gratitude to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces for their tremendous sacrifices made for our Nation and for the benefit of all Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Korean War veteran John Ciardullo upon the occasion of being presented with several medals for his meritorious service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Ciardullo.