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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Colonel Landy D. Dunham for his distinguished service as United States Army Garrison West Point Commander

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 peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Colonel Landy D. Dunham for his distinguished service as United States Army Garrison West Point Commander, to be observed at a Change of Command Ceremony on Thursday, July 7, 2016, in the Eisenhower Hall Theatre, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York; and

WHEREAS, A native of Camden, South Carolina, Landy D. Dunham proudly enlisted in the United States Army in May of 1988; while enlisted, he was selected to attend the United States Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS) at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation in 1989, Landy D. Dunham earned an appointment to the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York; in May of 1993, he graduated from the Academy and was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the Aviation Branch; and

WHEREAS, Following his commissioning, Lieutenant Landy D. Dunham attended and graduated from the Aviation Officer's Basic Course and the Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course (Army Aviation Flight School) at Fort Rucker, Alabama, in July of 1994; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Landy D. Dunham then departed Fort Rucker for Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he served in several key leadership positions including Aviation Assault Platoon Leader, Assistant Operations Officer, and Battalion Intelligence Officer for 4th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division; and

WHEREAS, In September of 1997, following his tour with the 101st Airborne Division, Colonel Landy D. Dunham was selected to represent the Aviation Branch at the Combined Logistics Officer Advanced Course (CLOAC) at Fort Lee, Virginia; he graduated from CLOAC with honors in March of 1998, and immediately attended the Combined Arms Service Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1998, Colonel Landy D. Dunham was reassigned to South Korea "The Land of the Morning Calm" for a one-year tour, where he served as the Shop's Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer of Charlie Company, 52nd Aviation Regiment; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1999, following his tour in South Korea, Colonel Landy D. Dunham was assigned to the XVIII Airborne Corps' Aviation Brigade at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he served as the Brigade Logistics Officer until June of 2000, when he was selected to take command of Alpha Company, 1st Battalion 159th Aviation Regiment; and

WHEREAS, In September of 2001, Colonel Landy D. Dunham was deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina in support of Operation Joint Forge; upon the completion of his company command in June of 2002, he was nominated to serve as both the Aviation Captains' Career Manager and Assignments Officer at the Army Human Resources Command (HRC) in Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, After two years of distinguished service, Colonel Landy D. Dunham was selected to represent the United States Army at the United States Marine Corps' Command and Staff College in Quantico, Virginia; upon graduation in June of 2005, he was once again assigned to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Two months after his arrival, Colonel Landy D. Dunham was deployed to Iraq as the Battalion Operations Officer of 5th Battalion

101st Aviation Regiment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; after his return to the United States in September of 2006, he held the title of 5th Battalion 101st Aviation Regiment Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, In July of 2007, Colonel Landy D. Dunham was nominated to serve at the Army Human Resources Command in Alexandria, Virginia; during this tour, however, he served as the Aviation Majors' and Lieutenant Colonels' Career Manager and Assignments Officer; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Landy D. Dunham then served as the Department Chair/Professor of Military Science at Howard University in Washington, DC from June of 2009 through June of 2010, before assuming command of the 3rd Battalion, 82nd Aviation Regiment on July 13, 2010, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, While in command of the multi-functional Aviation Task Force, Task Force Talon, Colonel Landy D. Dunham deployed the battalion Task Force to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; upon the battalion's return to Fort Bragg, he relinquished command of 3-82nd Aviation in December of 2012; and

WHEREAS, After a short tour of duty serving HQ, FORSCOM, Colonel Landy D. Dunham attended the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy at the National Defense University in Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished military career, Colonel Landy D. Dunham continually furthered his education; he successfully completed the Aviation Officer Basic Course, the Initial Entry Rotary Wing Course, the Combined Logistics Advanced Course and the Air Assault and Rappel Master Course; and graduated from the Combined Service and Staff School, the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, the Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy and the United States Army Airborne School; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Landy D. Dunham's civilian education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Management from the United States Military Academy, a Master of Military Studies from the United States Marine Corps University, and a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy from the National Defense University; and

WHEREAS, For his meritorious service to his country, Colonel Landy D.

Dunham was the recipient of numerous awards and decorations such as the Bronze Star Medal with one OLC, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four OLC, Army Commendation Medal with three OLC, Army Achievement Medal with two OLC, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal

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with two campaign stars, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one campaign star, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Service Medal, Overseas Service Medal with Numeral 3, NATO Medal, Senior Army Aviators Badge, Air Assault Badge, and Army Parachutist Badge, as well as the Honorable Order of Saint Michael Medallion; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife of 20 years, the former Kaye Warzynski, and his two daughters, Kaylan and Lucinda, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which individuals, such as Colonel Landy D. Dunham have served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who have risked their lives for their beloved Nation; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Colonel Landy D. Dunham has demonstrated his love for his country and merits forevermore, the highest respect of his 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 Colonel Landy D. Dunham for his distinguished service as United States Army Garrison West Point Commander; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Colonel Landy D. Dunham.