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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Tom Galloway upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Veteran of the Year Award by the Oswego City Veterans Council

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, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend those who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Tom Galloway upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Veteran of the Year Award by the Oswego City Veterans Council; this momentous occasion was celebrated at a ceremony on Saturday, June 11, 2016, at the Oswego American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The esteemed Veteran of the Year Award recognizes individuals who have served honorably in the military, as well as those who have contributed to the betterment of their community after being discharged; and

WHEREAS, Born in Oswego in 1931, Tom Galloway enlisted in the United States Army as a paratrooper at the age of 19; and

WHEREAS, He was deployed to Korea in 1952, with the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team, a commando unit which was regularly under fire from heavy artillery; and

WHEREAS, After his second deployment to Korea, Tom Galloway volunteered and joined the Military Police; and

WHEREAS, On August 19, 1953, while on Military Police Patrol with a fellow military police officer, Tom Galloway was wounded and his fellow

officer killed by a disgruntled soldier; and

WHEREAS, While recovering from his wounds, Tom Galloway was visited by then Brigadier General William Westmoreland, who later recommended Galloway for the Soldier's Medal for Heroism; and

WHEREAS, Tom Galloway is also the recipient of the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross awarded by former Governor George Pataki, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Presidential Unit Citation, the United Nations Service Ribbon and the Good Conduct Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return to Oswego, Tom and his wife, Bridget, raised four children and Tom worked as a technology teacher at Oswego High School, later entering the real estate and insurance business and becoming one of the most prominent businessmen in Oswego County; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Tom Galloway has kept in close contact with his former brothers in arms; he has been a member of the Oswego American Legion and the VFW for more than 60 years, continuing to keep the memory of veterans past and present alive; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, Tom Galloway and fellow veteran, Bill McCarthy, petitioned the city to create a living memorial for veterans and their families, which is known as the Trees for Vets Program, and has planted and installed almost 100 trees and bronze plaques along the sidewalks of Bridge Street; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Tom Galloway 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 Tom Galloway upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Veteran of the Year Award by the Oswego City Veterans Council;

and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tom Galloway.