

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Colonel Patrick J. Delamere upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the 244th Medical Clinic, New York Guard

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who devote their lives to military service merit the commendation and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State for their dedication and sacrifices which ensure our continued role as a Nation which embodies the ideals of democracy, and as a defender of liberty for people throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Colonel Patrick J. Delamere upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the 244th Medical Clinic, New York Guard, to be celebrated at its Annual Reception and Retirement Dinner at the Vinium Cafe, Brotherhood Winery in Washingtonville, New York, on Sunday, March 27, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The 244th Medical Clinic is the principal, centrally located medical asset of the New York Guard; with approximately 35 members, the soldiers and officers of the 244th Medical Clinic are unpaid volunteer physicians, surgeons, psychiatrists, dentists, nurses, psychologists, paramedics, and experts in emergency planning and response, among other professionals; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Patrick J. Delamere was a chiropractor with the 244th Medical Clinic; he joined the New York Guard on June 22, 1998; and

WHEREAS, During the World Trade Center mobilization, Colonel Patrick J. Delamere and other chiropractors in the 244th Medical Clinic provided services to first responders; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Patrick J. Delamere assumed command of the 244th Medical Clinic in July of 2006; he served there until he was placed on the State Reserve List in August of 2008; and

WHEREAS, Promoted to Colonel, he continued command of the 244th Medical Clinic, providing services to the National Guard during large-scale exercises at post 9/11 'surges' to protect vital infrastructure, among other missions; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Colonel Patrick J. Delamere over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Colonel Patrick J. Delamere upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the 244th Medical Clinic, New York Guard; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Colonel Patrick J. Delamere, Mahopac, New York.