

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the life of Paul A. Cortright, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavors served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Paul A. Cortright died on October 31, 2012, at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, Paul Cortright retired from the United States Army as Master Sergeant in 1981 after 23 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Paul Cortright's military decorations include a Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, a Good Conduct Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Armed Services Expeditionary Medal and the Army Recruiter Badge; and

WHEREAS, Paul Cortright lived in Redwood, New York, after his retirement from the Army, thereafter embarking on a 19-year career in the Security Section of Fort Drum, retiring in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Paul Cortright dedicated his time and passion to the American Legion, serving as New York State American Legion Commander from 2004 to 2005, as well as Commander of the John B. Lyman Post No. 904 located in Alexandria Bay, and the Jefferson County Commander; and

WHEREAS, Paul Cortright served in numerous other state and national leadership positions, such as Vice Chairman of the Foreign Relations Council, and the American Chairman of the American/Canadian Goodwill Committee remembering fallen heroes; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Paul Cortright was honored as Legionnaire of the Year, Jefferson County, Fifth District, Department of New York; and

WHEREAS, Paul Cortright is survived by his wife of 53 years, Linda, and his three sons, Paul, Jr., David and Randy, as well as 11 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Paul Cortright leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Paul A. Cortright, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Paul A. Cortright.