

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Major General John A. Leide, (Ret) upon the occasion of his designation as 2013 Inductee into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction, on June 6, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly acknowledge individuals who have distinguished themselves through their exemplary careers, accomplishments, and purposeful lives of service to their community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Major General John A. Leide upon the occasion of his designation as 2013 Inductee into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction; the Induction Ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 6, 2013, at the Emerson Park Pavilion in Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction was established in 2012 by the Auburn Education Foundation to recognize, honor and celebrate graduates who have distinguished themselves through outstanding academic, professional, or civic achievements and to inspire current students to pursue a path towards personal success; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular merit, Major General John A. Leide, (Ret), East High School Class of 1954, has continually demonstrated tremendous competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to both his community and his profession, and consequently has been selected for this most prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, John A. Leide retired as a United States Army Major General on August 1, 1995, after a distinguished 33-year military career; prior to retirement he served as Director, National Military Intelligence Collection Center (NMICC); Director, Central MASINT Office (CMO); Director, Defense HUMINT Service (DHS), within the Defense Intelligence Agency; and

WHEREAS, Currently a senior consultant to a number of national and international intelligence and security companies, after retiring from the Army, Major General John Leide was appointed President of Global Information Technologies strategic business unit within Electronic Data Systems (EDS) where he served until joining Avenue Technologies, a defense and security information superiority company as executive vice president; and

WHEREAS, During his long and storied military career, Major General John Leide served four combat tours, three as an airborne company commander and the fourth as General Norman Schwarzkopf's Director of Intelligence, J-2 for the Gulf War; in addition, he was Battalion Commander, United States Army Special Forces and Military Intelligence Group Commander; and

WHEREAS, Major General John Leide's numerous military awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Defense Superior Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star for Valor with three oak leaf clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters; and

WHEREAS, Internationally respected and admired, Major General John Leide was awarded the Liberation Medal first-class by the government of Kuwait for his duties during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm; he was awarded the highest Medal given to foreigners by the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) and, a Master Parachutist, was also awarded the PLA parachutist certificate and badge; and

WHEREAS, Major General John Leide was inducted into the United States Defense Attache Hall of Fame and has been awarded the Knowlton Medal by

the United States Army Military Intelligence Corps Association; he was

recently inducted into the United States Military Intelligence Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Major General John Leide earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Georgetown University, and a Juris Doctor from Syracuse University College of Law; he was also a Fellow at the Harvard University John Fitzgerald Kennedy School of Government; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Major General John A. Leide, (Ret) upon the occasion of his designation as 2013 Inductee into the Auburn Alumni Hall of Distinction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Major General John A. Leide.