

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Colonel Donald Bernstein upon the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of distinguished service with the Minisink Valley High School JROTC Program

WHEREAS, Individuals who distinguish themselves in their profession and in service to their country and community merit the highest commendation; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished military career in the United States Army, Colonel Donald Bernstein served with distinction in many capacities; and

WHEREAS, From 1958 through 1960, Colonel Bernstein was an Airborne Infantry Platoon Leader, Chemical, Biological and Radiological School Instructor and Recondo School Operations and Training Officer at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, From 1961 through 1963, Colonel Bernstein was an Aviator and a Training, Supply and Logistics Officer in the 8th Infantry Division Aviation Artillery Flight Company and Battalion at the Army's Baumholder, Finthin and Bad Kreuznack bases in Germany; and

WHEREAS, He was the Company Commander, Advanced Infantry Training, Vietnam at Fort Dix, New Jersey from 1965-1966; and

WHEREAS, From 1966-1968, Colonel Bernstein was the Executive and Operations Officer for the 225th Surveillance Aviation Company at Fort Lewis, Washington and at Phu Hiep in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, From 1969 through 1970, he served as the Battalion Commander, Advanced Infantry Training, Vietnam at Fort Lewis, Washington; and, from 1970 through 1971, he was an Army Surveillance Officer, with the Joint Intelligence, Military Assistance Command, in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Bernstein, in addition, was a Professor of Military Science at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia from 1972 to 1975 and, from 1975 through 1978, he again served in Germany, this time in Frankfurt as the Inspector General of the 5th Support Command, 5th Corps; and

WHEREAS, A highly decorated officer, Colonel Bernstein earned the Distinguished Flying Cross with one cluster, the Air Medal with 17 clusters, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal with two clusters, an Expert Infantryman Badge and Ranger Tab, Senior Airborne Wings, Senior Aviator Wings and several additional awards and decorations; and

WHEREAS, Following his distinguished service in the United States Army, Colonel Bernstein began a new career in which he also served with distinction; and

WHEREAS, For 27 continuous years Colonel Bernstein taught high school JROTC in two high school JROTC programs, one in the Minisink Valley Central School District, Slate Hill, New York, and the other at Lakewood High School in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Bernstein and Ronni, his wife of 57 years, are the proud and loving parents of Steven and his wife Sherry and Laurie and her husband Joe, and the devoted grandparents of Brian, Morgan, Raichel, Niaomi, and Danielle; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Colonel Donald Bernstein has demonstrated his love for his country and his community, and merits, forevermore, the highest respect of his State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Colonel Donald Bernstein upon the occasion of his retirement after 20 years of distinguished service with the Minisink Valley High School JROTC Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Colonel Donald Bernstein.

