LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing Frederick A. Hensel upon the occasion of his designation as a 2013 Veterans Day Distinguished Honoree

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose professional lives, personal endeavors and community service are an example and inspiration to their colleagues, friends, and family; and

WHEREAS, Members and former members of the Armed Services of the United States 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 peace time, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize Frederick A. Hensel upon the occasion of his designation as a 2013 Veterans Day Distinguished Honoree; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Veterans Day, November 11, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Born on May 26, 1948, in Flushing, New York, Frederick A. Hensel attended Holy Cross and Flushing high schools; and

WHEREAS, Frederick A. Hensel commenced his military service in the United States Army in 1968 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina; he was trained as a radio and mobile radio teletype operator; and

WHEREAS, Initially assigned to duty stations in Germany, Frederick A. Hensel also served on active duty in Vietnam where he was in the 1st Signal Brigade located in the Mekong Delta; and

WHEREAS, Promoted to Sergeant in December 1969, Frederick A. Hensel was honorably discharged on February 13, 1970; and

WHEREAS, During his distinguished military service, Frederick A. Hensel was awarded the National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Frederick A. Hensel entered Plumbers Local Number 2 in September 1970; he worked for three years on the original World Trade Center while it was under construction, and was employed as a plumber for 40 years on many large construction projects in New York City before his retirement in May 2010; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Frederick A. Hensel volunteered at Ground Zero after the September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his military, professional and community service, a period of constructive involvement, Frederick A. Hensel has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Our veterans deserve to be recognized, commended and thanked by the people of the State of New York for their service and for their dedication; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize Frederick A. Hensel upon the occasion of his designation as a 2013 Veterans Day Distinguished Honoree; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Frederick A. Hensel.