

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the great work and dedication The Cpl. Michael Mayne Cookie Corps provide to the men and women of the United States Military

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize and honor the great work and dedication The Cpl. Michael Mayne Cookie Corps provide to the men and women of the United States Military; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, The Cpl. Michael Mayne Cookie Corps was created to honor the memory of Fallen Star Corporal Michael Mayne, of Burlington Flats, New York, who gave the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq on February 23, 2009; and

WHEREAS, This benevolent organization was the brainchild of Herkimer County Hunger Coalition founder, R. J. Lenarcic, and is coordinated by Laura Hailston; and

WHEREAS, Comprised of over 50 volunteers from throughout the Mohawk Valley, each month these volunteers are assigned to provide one of the following items: baked goods, snacks, beverages, candy or toiletries; and

WHEREAS, Then, every month the volunteer drivers deliver the goods to the Corporal Gregory Harris Military Courtesy Room, located at the Hancock Airport, in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Gregory Harris was a Syracuse area Marine who was captured during the Vietnam War, and is still unaccounted for today; and

WHEREAS, Staffed by volunteers, many of whom are veterans, The Courtesy Room is available 24 hours every day and is equipped with televisions, recliners, blankets/pillows, wi-fi access, computers, a microwave, and much more; and

WHEREAS, To date, over 8,000 soldiers and Marines have made use of its accommodations, providing these men and women with a stopover site while they are in transit; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women serve their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation, and to those who continue to be missing in action; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the great work and dedication The Cpl. Michael Mayne Cookie Corps provide to the men and women of the United States Military; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to R. J. Lenarcic, Laura Hailston, and to the family of the late Corporal Michael Mayne.