

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John Lynch upon the occasion of his retirement as founding executive director of Suffolk County United Veterans after many years of distinguished service

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is, furthermore, the sense of this Legislative Body that members of the Armed Services 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 peacetime, merit special recognition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concerns, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor John Lynch upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to Suffolk County United Veterans; his illustrious tenure was celebrated by political officials, Suffolk County United Veterans alumni, staff, current residents, and many friends, with a joyous event at the AmVets Hall in East Islip, New York; and

WHEREAS, For more than 25 years, John Lynch rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service on behalf of Long Island's homeless veterans, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of all those whose lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Wantagh, New York, John Lynch was born in Ireland, one of three children; when he was 18 years old, his family moved to New York City where he began working at Irving Trust Company on Wall Street; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, John Lynch entered the United States Army, serving with honor in Vietnam; upon his return he became a small business owner, operating a construction and heavy equipment company which expanded through the years; and

WHEREAS, John Lynch's pro-bono work with various veterans groups, including The Vets Place in Babylon, New York, led him to establish Suffolk County United Veterans in the late 1980s to assist homeless veterans in their time of need; and

WHEREAS, To memorialize the dedication of John Lynch to Long Island's veterans, Suffolk County United Veterans' main housing unit will be named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as executive director, John Lynch served with loyalty, honor and distinction; he was governed by a keen sense of duty, and always demonstrated a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife, Ester; they are the proud parents of two children, Karina and John, and the adoring grandparents of five grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Retirement will not be the end of John Lynch's work on issues of import to veterans; his future endeavors include a project to build a memorial in Ireland for all Irish born veterans that lost their lives in Vietnam; 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 John Lynch upon the occasion of his retirement as founding execu-

tive director of Suffolk County United Veterans after many years of distinguished service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John Lynch.