

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Col. Dane D. Rideout upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished military service to the United States Army

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to honor and acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives, military service and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who dedicate their lives to military service merit the commendation and applause of all citizens for their commitment to the preservation of American freedom; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Col. Dane D. Rideout upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished military service to the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Col. Dane D. Rideout will be stepping down as United States Army Garrison Commander at a Change of Command Ceremony at West Point on Thursday, July 10, 2014; he will be retiring from the United States Army on November 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Col. Dane D. Rideout graduated from Ball State University in 1990, and enlisted as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division, Republic of Korea where he served admirably in various company and battalion level positions; following his service in Korea, he was assigned to 9th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where he served as an S-3 Air and Battalion S-1 before assuming command of a UH-60 Company; and

WHEREAS, Upon completion of his command in 1997, Col. Dane D. Rideout was assigned to the USMA, Department of Military Instruction as the Chief of Cadet Advanced Training and later helped with the Simon Center for the Professional Military Ethic; and

WHEREAS, In November of 2002, Col. Dane D. Rideout deployed as the J-1 for Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force and by early 2003 was on the ground in Northern Iraq supporting combat operations across the Iraq northern front; and

WHEREAS, Col. Dane D. Rideout was next selected to serve as the J-1 for Special Operations Command Europe, in Stuttgart, Germany; while assigned, he deployed in support of counter terrorist operations for the Summer Olympics in Greece and directed HR operations for Operation Enduring Freedom-Trans Sahara in Northern Africa; and

WHEREAS, After a short tour as the Deputy of the 14th Human Resources Sustainment Center, Col. Dane D. Rideout was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division as the Division G-1; he deployed with the Division to Afghanistan as the CJTF-82/Regional Command East J-1, where he was responsible for the planning, coordination and synchronization of all Human Resource assets; following this deployment, he then was posted to his most recent overseas assignment as the G-1 for the United States Army Special Operations Command; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and honors during his military career, Col. Dane D. Rideout has been decorated with the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and Meritorious Service Medal; in addition, he is a senior rated Aviator, Airborne and Air Assault qualified; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his military career, including his time as United States Army Garrison Commander at West Point, Col. Dane D. Rideout served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Col. Dane D. Rideout was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems;

his exemplary leadership earned him the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved with great respect and reverent esteem to renew its tribute to the men and women who so courageously serve and defend this great nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Col. Dane D. Rideout upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished military service to the United States Army; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Col. Dane D. Rideout.