

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring retired Colonel Daniel J. Travers, United States Army, upon the occasion of being selected as Grand Marshal of the Lansingburgh Memorial Day Parade, May 25, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those distinguished citizens who devote their time and energies to the service of their community and profession, participating in civic affairs and enhancing the character and quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor retired Colonel Daniel J. Travers upon the occasion of being selected as Grand Marshal of Lansingburgh's 19th Annual Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 25, 2015; and

WHEREAS, On Memorial Day, observed annually on the last Monday of the month of May, we honor those Americans who gave their lives in defense of their country, whether in the Civil War which divided our nation, international conflicts such as the World Wars, or in peacetime service to uphold the cherished principles of liberty and democracy upon which our grand Republic was founded; and

WHEREAS, A fitting choice for Grand Marshal of the Lansingburgh Memorial Day Parade, Colonel Daniel J. Travers proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Raised in Troy (Lansingburgh), New York, Daniel J. Travers is a 1975 graduate of Siena College, and received his commission through the Siena College Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Assigned to the 1/105th Infantry Battalion, 42nd Infantry Division, as a Medical Service Corps Officer, he served with the Battalion while attending graduate school; upon receiving his Master's degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1981, he entered active military service; and

WHEREAS, Following the completion of the Signal Officer's Basic Course and Teleprocessing Operations Officer Course, he was assigned to the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade in Wertheim, Germany, serving as the Communications Platoon Leader and Brigade Communications-Electronics Officer; and

WHEREAS, After returning from Europe, Colonel Daniel J. Travers was assigned to Fort Drum, New York, with the 76th Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy) and later the 41st Engineer Battalion, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) as the Battalion Communications-Electronics Officer and Battalion Adjutant; and

WHEREAS, Upon release from active military service in 1985, Colonel Daniel J. Travers entered the New York Army National Guard where he served in successive assignments at the New York State Area Command as the Assistant State Signal Officer, State Signal Officer, Director of Information Technology, and the Director of Facilities Management and Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Daniel J. Travers was then assigned to the 27th Infantry Brigade as a Safety Officer; with his 27th Infantry Brigade assignment complete, he was assigned as the G6 for the 42nd Infantry Division, the "Rainbow Division"; he served in this capacity with the Division at the World Trade Center at Ground Zero in Manhattan, New York, and in Tikrit, Iraq, at Forward Operating Base Danger with Task Force Liberty as part of Multinational Force North Central in the Sunni Triangle; and

WHEREAS, While in Iraq, he, along with the G6 section and the 250th Signal Battalion and 17th Signal Battalion, deployed, operated and main-

tained the most complex tactical and commercial federation of communications networks on earth supporting over 23,000 military and civilian subscribers in every facet of communications and information technology; and

WHEREAS, This network included the integration and fielding of Joint Nodal Network (JNN) systems into a legacy Mobile Subscriber Equipment (MSE) network, the first time such integration was ever tested in a combat theater of operations; his last assignment was as the State Area Command, New York J6 in the Joint Force Headquarters; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Daniel J. Travers is a graduate of the United States Army Airborne Course, Signal Officers Basic Course, Signal Officers Advanced Course, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, United States Army Transportation Officers Advanced Course, United States Army Comptroller Course and various other military schools; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his distinguished military service, Colonel Daniel J. Travers was awarded the Bronze Star, Iraqi Campaign Medal with two Service Stars, Legion of Merit, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, and New York State Defense of Liberty Medal with "WTC" device for service at Ground Zero, Parachutist Badge, and several other federal and state military awards; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man is a member of the Veterans of Lansingburgh, the American Legion Post No. 1520 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7466; and

WHEREAS, Today, Colonel Daniel J. Travers is employed as a Project Manager with the New York State Information Technology Services (ITS) assigned to the New York State Workers Compensation Board; and

WHEREAS, As we observe and remember our deceased veterans on Memorial Day, we recall their brave and noble deeds as well as their sacrifices which have served to maintain our most precious and cherished freedoms and honor those who continue to work diligently to support and sustain them; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor retired Colonel Daniel J. Travers, United States Army, upon the occasion of being selected as Grand Marshal of the Lansingburgh Memorial Day Parade, May 25, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to retired Colonel Daniel J. Travers.