

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Alan Deline upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Veteran of the Year Award by the Fulton Veterans Council

WHEREAS, 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, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend those who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Alan Deline upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Veteran of the Year Award by the Fulton Veterans Council; this momentous occasion was celebrated with a Veterans Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 11, 2015, at the Fulton Veterans Park; and

WHEREAS, The esteemed Veteran of the Year Award recognizes individuals who have served honorably in the military, as well as those who have contributed to the betterment of their community after being discharged; and

WHEREAS, Alan Deline, who is also the city's Fire and Police Commissioner, is a native of Fulton, New York; he had just finished his junior year in high school when he joined the Marine Corps Reserve where he honorably served as a member of the 10th Tank Battalion, having trained at the Amboy Airport in Syracuse; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his unit's activation at the start of the Korean War, Alan Deline played the trumpet in the Marine Corps Band; he was sent to the west coast for 60 days of advanced infantry training, during which time he anticipated a deployment, but was sent back to the east coast where he continued to play in the Marine Corps Band for two years until his honorable discharge; and

WHEREAS, Alan Deline then completed additional education and joined the United States Army for two enlistments; during those six years he proudly served in the United States and Germany, becoming a crime scene investigator at just 23 years old; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous service, Alan Deline earned the State of New York Medal for Merit, National Defense Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal, among others; and

WHEREAS, Following the completion of his military service, Alan Deline traveled the world for eight months, before earning a Bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in Police Administration and a Bachelor's degree in Public Justice from SUNY Oswego where he graduated cum laude; he went on to continue his studies in the graduate division of SUNY Oswego with a major in Education; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious career, Alan Deline taught at the police academy in Utica; for five years, he instructed the advanced training for the Utica Police Department, as well as police field operations and tactics courses; and

WHEREAS, Alan Deline continued his career in education at the Oswego County BOCES Burton Ramer Technical Career Center where he taught criminal justice for a decade; he was also the advisor for Law Enforcement Post 873, and received the Award of Merit for his service to the youth in Oswego County through idealism and citizenship; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man retired in 2004 from SUNY Oswego, where he also taught courses in drugs and crime, homicide investigation and police field operations; and

WHEREAS, A true lifelong learner, Alan Deline attended the FBI Academy in Virginia in 1999, studying forensic science and criminal profiling;

he also completed a homicide investigation course in Miami, and became a member of a homicide task force in 2013, which works on cold case homicides once a year in various locations across the country; and

WHEREAS, Active within his community, Alan Deline is on the advisory board for the Oswego City and the Oswego County Youth Courts; he is a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 569, Marine Corps League and the Military Order of Devil Dogs; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Alan Deline is a member of the FBI-Marine Corps Association, Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation and the Army Criminal Investigation Division Agent's Association; he is the proud father of three children and six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Alan Deline has demonstrated his love for his country and merits forevermore, the highest respect of his State and Nation; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Alan Deline upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2016 Veteran of the Year Award by the Fulton Veterans Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Alan Deline.