LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Daniel J. Flanagan, Sr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on March 7, 2016

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; 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Daniel J. Flanagan, Sr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony to be celebrated on Monday, March 7, 2016, at the Joseph E. Zaloga Post in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Daniel J. Flanagan, Sr. was born on May 4, 1930, in Woodside, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1949, Daniel J. Flanagan, Sr. enlisted as a member of the United States Marine Corps where he served as an Aviation Machinist Mate Class A with the All Weather Fighter Squadron 531, 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, where he earned his FMF pin; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous decorations for his outstanding military service, Daniel J. Flanagan was presented with the Presidential Citation for Military Service, and Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Daniel J. Flanagan completed his military service at the esteemed rank of sergeant, and returned to civilian life in 1955; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to serving his community, Daniel J. Flanagan volunteered for many years as a Pop Warner Football Coach and Little League Baseball Coach, as well as a Cameraman for the Hudson Valley Community College Football Team; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, Daniel J. Flanagan, Sr. is survived by his five children, Tracy, Kathleen (James), Michael, Daniel Jr., and Gregory; and his two sisters, Kathleen and Ellen; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served 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, Having exhibited their patriotism both at home and abroad, these men and women demonstrated their love for their country and merit forevermore, the highest respect of their 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 Daniel J. Flanagan, Sr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on March 7, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Daniel J. Flanagan, Sr.