

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring William O'Brien, Sr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on January 4, 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 William O'Brien, Sr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony; this momentous occasion was celebrated on Monday, January 4, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Born on August 22, 1923 in Albany, New York, William O'Brien, Sr. served his country with honor and distinction as a member of the United States Army from February of 1943 to November of 1945, during which time he achieved the rank of Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Serving as a Combat Engineer in the 35th Infantry Division/60th Engineer BN, William O'Brien, Sr. fought in Ardennes, Central Europe, Normandy, Southern France and Rhineland; and

WHEREAS, William O'Brien, Sr. was the proud recipient of the Bronze Star Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, an Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII, and the Marksman Badge with Rifle Bar, in recognition of his valiant service; and

WHEREAS, Upon his separation from the military, William O'Brien, Sr. went to work for the New York Central Rail Road and with the Albany Police Department for 32 years; and

WHEREAS, Actively involved member in his community, William O'Brien, Sr. was a member of the Bucci Mctague American Legion Post No. 1530, and the Sheehy Palmer VFW Post No. 6776; 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 William O'Brien, Sr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on January 4, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of William O'Brien, Sr.