

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 30th Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Upton Post No. 8259 of Stittville, New York, on May 21, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend and support the purposeful cause of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States of America, recognizing its long and sustained commitment to the principles of democracy and freedom so revered by this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Upton Post No. 8259 to be celebrated on Saturday, May 21, 2016, in Stittville, New York; and

WHEREAS, The VFW Upton Post No. 8259 was first formed in the winter of 1985, and spring of 1986, after former Utica City Court Judge Albert Alteri held organizational meetings to form a new VFW in the area; and

WHEREAS, On April 20, 1986, 58 war veterans from around the area of Holland Patent, New York, gathered together to become members of the VFW Upton Memorial Post No. 8259, named in honor of Wilard Upton, a local man who was killed in action during World War II; and

WHEREAS, The VFW Upton Post No. 8259 was officially incorporated on December 21, 1987, with Ralph Cob serving as the first Post Commander; its members later added a ladies and mens auxiliary, and held meetings at different fire departments in the area while looking for a post location; and

WHEREAS, In the spring of 1990, ground was broken and a small building was constructed in Stittville, New York, which would become the VFW Upton Memorial Post; over the years, numerous additions have been made to the facility building including one made possible by a grant from New York State; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the past three decades, the VFW Upton Post No. 8259's members have worked tirelessly on programs for local and national veteran's causes, as well as on numerous community programs including Toys for Tots, the Stevens Swan Humane Society, and Shriners Hospital; and

WHEREAS, The members of the VFW Upton Post No. 8259 and its auxiliaries are always available to support veterans and their families in times of need; they are a symbol of military heritage, community and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, The occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the founding of VFW Upton Post No. 8259 is a time to pause and reflect on the events it conducts in reverent tribute to the men and women who served their country in defense of its ideals of democracy and freedom, on the many contributions rendered to community organizations, and on its continuing efforts to foster understanding of their heritage and role in society; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous guidance of Post Commander Dave Deno, VFW Upton Post No. 8259 remains committed to accomplishing its mission and performing good deeds in a spirit of comradeship true to the highest traditions of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Mindful of its proud and honored history, VFW Upton Post No. 8259 celebrates with just pride and true honor, its 30th Anniversary of service to its community and the needs and values of veterans across the State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the devoted leadership of the Post's outstanding Commanders, both present

and past, and the absolute commitment of its many proud members, noting the role played by this exceptional organization and recognizing the significance of the contributions and sacrifices of the membership of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Upton Post No. 8259; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Upton Post No. 8259 of Stittville, New York, on May 21, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Commander Dave Deno, Veterans of Foreign Wars Upton Post No. 8259.