

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the employees of the United States Postal Service in Albany, New York, upon the occasion of hosting its Memorial Day Ceremony, and paying tribute to postal employee William W. Roylance, Sr. posthumously

WHEREAS, Since 1775, when the Continental Congress named Benjamin Franklin the first Postmaster General, the United States Postal Service has served as an important bind which holds our Nation, and its people, together; and

WHEREAS, The vital work of the employees of the United States Postal Service in Albany, New York, supports the growth of commerce in the Capital Region, and most importantly, ensures the free flow of ideas and information which is so essential to our democracy; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the employees of the United States Postal Service in Albany, New York, upon the occasion of hosting its Memorial Day Ceremony, and paying tribute to postal employee William W. Roylance, Sr. posthumously; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Friday, May 27, 2016, at Patriot's Way at the General Mail Facility in Colonie, New York; and

WHEREAS, With their connection to so many area households and businesses, the employees of the United States Post Office in Albany, New York, truly embody the dedication and selflessness of our nation's letter carriers who perform their duties in good conditions and bad; and

WHEREAS, The late William W. Roylance, Sr. was a former Capital Region postal employee who proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Born in Saratoga Springs, New York, William W. Roylance, Sr. attended Cohoes High School, and enlisted to proudly serve his country as a member of the United States Navy; he served in the South Pacific on the Island of Ie Jima as a signalman directing aircraft during take-off and landing clearances from 1944-1946; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his courageous service, William W. Roylance, Sr. was awarded a Victory Medal (one star) and an Asiatic Theater Medal; and

WHEREAS, After the completion of his military career, William W. Roylance, Sr. returned home to finish his high school education, and began working at Montgomery Ward and the A&P Bakery; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed veteran married Julia Merolle on April 8, 1951, and together they were the proud parents of four sons, William Jr., Paul, Wayne and the late Scott Roylance; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, William W. Roylance, Sr. started his career with the US Postal Service as a clerk; he retired after 26 years of loyal service in 1990; and

WHEREAS, An avid reader and card player, William W. Roylance, Sr. enjoyed numerous other hobbies, including writing and drawing; he was also a dedicated volunteer in the soup kitchen at the former St. Patrick's Church in Albany; and

WHEREAS, William W. Roylance, Sr. passed away at the age of eighty-nine at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center on November 6, 2015, leaving behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those individuals and organizations who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commend the employees of the United States Postal Service in Albany, New York, upon the occasion of hosting its Memorial Day Ceremony, and paying tribute to postal employee William W. Roylance, Sr. posthumously; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the employees of the United States Postal Service in Albany, New York, and the family of William W. Roylance, Sr.