

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Paul Joseph Pettit posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on November 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 peace- time, 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 Paul Joseph Pettit posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on Monday, November 7, 2016, at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post No. 1520, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1993, a committee was formed by the Albany County Veterans Bureau known as the Albany County Honor-A-Veteran Committee to honor deceased Albany County Veterans who have served their country in time of conflict; the Honor-A-Veteran Program takes place monthly on the first Monday of each month; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous and dedicated service to his country, Paul Joseph Pettit will be recognized at this year's November Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Born on September 27, 1927 in Albany, New York, Paul Joseph Pettit entered the United States Marine Corps in 1946 during World War II, and proudly served in the Military Police until his discharge in 1948; and

WHEREAS, Paul Joseph Pettit also served for 10 years in the United States Army Reserve during the Korean War as an Instructor; he was discharged at the rank of Master Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his meritorious service, Paul Joseph Pettit was the recipient of the Good Conduct Medal and the World War II Peace/Victory Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Paul Joseph Pettit spent many years working as a Shipping Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Paul Joseph Pettit served as a life member of both the William D. O'Brien Marine Corps League and the Watervliet Fish and Game Protective Association, Inc.; he was also a

fraternity brother of the Albany Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and a proud member of the National Rifle Association; 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 Paul Joseph Pettit posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on November 7, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Paul Joseph Pettit.