

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Peter Eugene 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 Peter Eugene 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, Peter Eugene Pettit will be recognized at this year's November Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Born on June 25, 1932, in Albany, New York, Peter Eugene Pettit served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps as a Battalion Supply Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, During his active duty from 1951-1954, Peter Eugene Pettit served at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, where he achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant and remained in the Reserves until 1957; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his meritorious service, Peter Eugene Pettit was the recipient of the National Defense Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Peter Eugene Pettit spent many years working for B. Lodge & Company, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Peter Eugene Pettit was a member of numerous organizations in his community, including the Telephone Company Pioneers, Colonie Elks and the American Legion; he was also a communicant of the former Saint Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church in Loudonville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Peter Eugene Pettit died on May 12, 2010, at the age of 77;
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 Peter Eugene 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 Peter Eugene Pettit.