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MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim
May 6, 2017, as Military Spouse Appreciation Day in
the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the sacrifices, support and dedication of the families of those noble men and women who have served so valiantly to maintain America's freedoms and way of life; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 6, 2017, as Military Spouse Appreciation Day in the State of New York in conjunction with the observance of National Military Spouse Appreciation Day; and

WHEREAS, Our military spouses embody ideals we cherish: strength, loyalty and commitment; they stand beside those who stand behind our flag, giving their all and making tremendous sacrifices; they shoulder the burdens of countless moves and stressful deployments, and they uphold their end of the bargain; and

WHEREAS, On Military Spouse Appreciation Day, we celebrate the force behind the force and show these home-front heroes the full support of a grateful State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, As service members board planes for deployments to foreign lands, they need to know their country and state will be there for their loved ones; as mothers and fathers take on the work of two, they need to know their neighbors will lend a hand; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, if called to make the ultimate sacrifice, troops must know their State and Nation will honor their memory and care for their family; and

WHEREAS, After everything military spouses have done for America, for one another, for our wounded warriors and the families of the fallen, we must stand beside them and make good on our debt of gratitude; may each of us serve our military spouses and their families as well as they serve us; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that there be greater awareness of the sacrifices of military spouses, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, state and national levels; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim May 6, 2017, as Military Spouse Appreciation Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.