

BY: Senator JACOBS

CONGRATULATING United States Army Veteran Sergeant James E. Cutting upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Purple Heart

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 from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate United States Army Veteran Sergeant James E. Cutting upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, The prestigious Purple Heart is awarded to members of the armed forces of the United States who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant James E. Cutting proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army in Afghanistan; while on duty on October 16, 2011, he was wounded when a rocket propelled grenade exploded on his vehicle; and

WHEREAS, After several years of delays, Sergeant James E. Cutting has finally received his Purple Heart for his extreme sacrifice and meritorious service to his beloved country; 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 his patriotism both at home and abroad, Sergeant James E. Cutting demonstrated his love for his country and merits forevermore, the highest respect of his 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 congratulate United States Army Veteran Sergeant James E. Cutting upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Purple Heart; and be it further

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

transmitted to Sergeant James E. Cutting.