

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING John Arthur Dale posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on February 6, 2017

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 John Arthur Dale posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on Monday, February 6, 2017 at the Joseph E. Zaloga Post, in 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 on the first Monday of each month; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous and dedicated service to his country, John Arthur Dale will be recognized at this year's February Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, John Arthur Dale, who died on September 15, 2014, at the age of 79, served his country with honor and distinction from August 8, 1951 to August 3, 1954, as a member of the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, A Private First Class in the Airborne Unit, John Arthur Dale served in the Korean War as a Medic; for his valiant service, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal with 1 star, United Nations Service Medal, Korean PUC and Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, Upon his discharge, John Arthur Dale served as the Albany Police Department's first black Detective and rose through the ranks as Sergeant, Lieutenant, Supervisor, Deputy Chief, and Chief; and

WHEREAS, In addition, John Arthur Dale served as a co-organizer of the police community relations board, which served as a precursor to the Citizen's Police Review Board, former chairman of the LaSalle School in Albany and Director of Security at the state Worker's Compensation

Board; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Delores and his three loving children, Stephanie, Michael and John, all of whom felt privileged to have been a part of his life and rejoiced in his accomplishments; 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 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 services and for their dedication to their communities, their State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor John Arthur Dale posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony on February 6, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of John Arthur Dale.