

BY: Senator COMRIE

COMMENDING Emery A. Perry upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Veterans Advisory Committee on June 12, 2018

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Emery A. Perry upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Veterans Advisory Committee to be celebrated at an event on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, at the New York State Capitol in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Veterans Advisory Committee (VAC) was formed on September 30, 2016, to unify all of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFWs) Posts, American Legions, American Veterans (AMVETS) and other veteran-based non-profit organizations in Southeast Queens, New York, to gauge the pulse of its veterans community and oversee the VA St. Albans Community Living Center; and

WHEREAS, Born in Hartford, Connecticut, Emery A. Perry graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School in the Bronx, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1961, Emery A. Perry enlisted in the United States Army and proudly served his country as a member of the 82nd Airborne; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Emery A. Perry entered into the New York City Police Department in 1969, and was assigned to the 79th Precinct; in 1989, he officially retired from the Department's Crime Prevention Unit; and

WHEREAS, In 1975, Emery A. Perry earned his Bachelor of Science degree in education magna cum laude from the University of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, A resident of the Cambria Heights Community for the past 46 years, Emery A. Perry is involved in several local organizations including the Cambria Heights Civics Association, Alpha Phi Alpha Senior Center, NYC Police Department Council of Retired Guardians, St. Albans VAVS Living Center, Queens Veteran's Advisory Committee, Amvets Post 10-13, Inc. and Amvets Department of New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Emery A. Perry held the title of President of the Cambria Heights Block Association, and was a member of the Cambria Heights/Jamaica Linden Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Emery A. Perry is also a faithful congregant of Sacred Heart Church where he served as an usher and is a participant of The Brothers-in-Christ; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Edna, their daughter, Tonya, and grandson, Tahir, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Emery A. Perry upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Veterans Advisory Committee on June 12, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Emery A. Perry.