

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING John F. Probeck, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor A Veteran Ceremony on October 3, 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 John F. Probeck, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor A Veteran Ceremony on Monday, October 3, 2016, at the American Legion Joseph E. Zaloga 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, John F. Probeck, Jr. will be recognized at this year's October Honor A Veteran Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Born on May 24, 1933, in Troy, New York, to John F. and Anna Kowansky Probeck, John F. Probeck, Jr. proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army in the 76th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion from 1953-1955; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his meritorious service in the Korean War, Private First Class John F. Probeck, Jr. was the recipient of numerous medals which include National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, John F. Probeck, Jr. earned a degree in Drafting from Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, New York; he then spent his career working for Playtex International, formerly Tek Hughes, in Watervliet, New York, retiring in 1997 after 35 years of distinguished service as a Draftsman; and

WHEREAS, John F. Probeck, Jr. served as a member of numerous organizations in his community, including member and past Commander of Maplewood American Legion Post No. 1615 and former Commander of the

Albany County American Legion from 1991-1992; and

WHEREAS, In addition, John F. Probeck, Jr. was a lifelong member of the Maplewood School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and held the position of President as well as serving as a member of the Watervliet High Dad's Club; he also was an avid fan of the Watervliet Cannoneers; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout were his wife of 51 years, Joyce A. (Chartrand) Probeck, their two children, Terri Rosen and John, and three grandchildren, Benjamin, Maya and Everett, all of whom felt privileged to be a part of his life and rejoiced in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, John F. Probeck, Jr. died on January 14, 2010, at the age of 76; 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 John F. Probeck, Jr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor A Veteran Ceremony on October 3, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Joyce A. Probeck.