

Senate Resolution No. 91

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Raymond F. Diamond, Sr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony on November 14, 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 Raymond F. Diamond, Sr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony on Monday, November 14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, In June of 1993, a committee was formed by the Rensselaer County Veterans Bureau known as the Rensselaer County Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Committee to honor deceased Rensselaer County veterans who have served their country in time of conflict; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous and dedicated service to his country, Raymond F. Diamond, Sr. will be recognized at this year's November Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Born in Troy, New York, on July 19, 1931, Raymond F. Diamond, Sr. was the eldest of four children born to Wesley and Genevieve Diamond; he graduated from Averill Park High School before joining the United States Marine Corps on January 31, 1951; and

WHEREAS, Private Raymond F. Diamond, Sr. honorably served his country during the Korean Conflict; he was awarded the Korean War Service Medal, National Defense Medal, United Nations Service Medal and Conspicuous Service Cross Medal for his valiant service; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Raymond F. Diamond, Sr. married Margaret M. Campbell at Sacred Heart Church in Troy, New York; the couple settled on Crystal Lake in Averill Park where they raised seven children; and

WHEREAS, Raymond F. Diamond, Sr. began his illustrious career with Walter Snyder Printing in 1958; he went on to work for Clarity Publishing from 1965 to 1983, Whitehurst Press from 1983 to 1986, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Print Shop from 1954 to 1955 and 1986 to 2004, and Hudson Valley Community College from 2004 to 2009; and

WHEREAS, Active within his community, Raymond F. Diamond, Sr. was a communicant of St. Henry's Church; he was also a lifetime member of the Sullivan Jones VFW Post, Sgt. Walter Adams American Legion Post and the Stephentown Rod and Gun Club; and

WHEREAS, Raymond F. Diamond, Sr. was a loving husband to his wife of 60 years, Margaret, and a devoted father to his seven children, JoAnn, Raymond Jr., Wesley, Jacqueline, Nancy, Margaret and Mary Ann, as well as 13 grandchildren, James, Patrick, Justine, Jeremie, Matthew, Mark, Michael, Jessica, Robert, Stephanie, Jeannette, Lucas and Samantha; and

WHEREAS, An avid Red Sox and Pittsburgh Pirates fan who enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, Raymond F. Diamond, Sr. died on Thursday, August 6, 2009, at the age of 78; 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 Raymond F. Diamond, Sr. posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony on November 14, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Raymond F. Diamond, Sr.