

BY: Senator BRESLIN

HONORING Joseph Newhart Bevins posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor A Veteran Ceremony on August 1, 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 Joseph Newhart Bevins posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor A Veteran Ceremony on Monday, August 1, 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; the committee was formed to honor a deceased Albany County veteran who has served his 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, Joseph Newhart Bevins will be recognized posthumously at this year's August Honor A Veteran Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Newhart Bevins was born on April 30, 1928, in Troy, New York; and

WHEREAS, On July 8, 1952, Joseph Newhart Bevins enlisted in the United States Army, proudly serving his country as a Corporal in the 3rd Infantry Division during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, For his bravery, this courageous soldier was awarded the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal as well as Merit Unit Commendation; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service on June 3, 1954, Joseph Newhart Bevins returned to the Capital District where he worked for Saint James Church and School in Albany, New York, for 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, Joseph Newhart Bevins was involved

in the Whitehall Little League in Albany, New York, where he umpired Little League baseball and softball games; and

WHEREAS, An esteemed member of the American Legion Joseph E. Zaloga Post No. 1520, Joseph Newhart Bevins died on April 23, 2004, in Albany, New York, at the age of 75; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Newhart Bevins was a loving husband to his wife, Joan, a caring father to his two children, Joseph and Michelle, and the proud grandfather of one granddaughter, Antoinette; 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 Joseph Newhart Bevins posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Albany County at its Honor A Veteran Ceremony on August 1, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Joseph Newhart Bevins.