

Assembly Resolution No. 397

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HONORING Chief Master Sergeant Daniel Sileo upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rotary International on June 1, 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 peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; 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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who give positive definition to the profile and disposition of the American Armed Forces profoundly strengthen our shared commitment to the exercise of freedom; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Chief Master Sergeant Daniel Sileo upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by both the Rotary Club of Webster, New York, and the Surprise Arizona Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Chief Master Sergeant Daniel Sileo will be recognized by both clubs for his 25 years of exceptional military service at a meeting on Thursday, June 1, 2017, at the Surprise Arizona Rotary Club; at this auspicious occasion, he will be officially presented with a lightweight wheelchair by the Wheelchair Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The Wheelchair Foundation is a nonprofit organization leading an international effort to create awareness of the needs and abilities of people with physical disabilities, to promote the joy of giving, create global friendship, and to deliver a wheelchair to every child, teenager and adult in the world who needs one, but cannot afford one; for these people, the Wheelchair Foundation delivers hope, mobility and independence; and

WHEREAS, A native son of the Town of Irondequoit, New York, Daniel Sileo attended Edison Tech High School; he proudly served his country as a member of the United States Air Force from 1952-1977, during the Korean War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Cold War, and the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his 25 years of meritorious service, Daniel Sileo quickly rose through the ranks, retiring with the esteemed title of Chief Master Sergeant, the highest enlisted non-commissioned position; and

WHEREAS, In his role as Senior Advisor for Second Air Force (2AF)

enlisted personnel, Chief Master Sergeant Daniel Sileo provided a close liaison between Lieutenant General Richard M. Hoban and the enlisted men

at Headquarters 2AF, and at approximately 24 wings throughout the central and eastern portion of the United States; and

WHEREAS, While accompanying his superior on travels around the command, Chief Master Sergeant Daniel Sileo bonded with the enlisted men, making sure they could freely express their views and ideas to the General; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Chief Master Sergeant Daniel Sileo was a member of several military organizations including the SAC NCO Academy Graduates Association, the Air Force Sergeants Association, The Base Exchange Advisory Committee and the Strategic Air Command; and

WHEREAS, Even in the midst of four of our major global conflicts, Chief Master Sergeant Daniel Sileo found time to spearhead a drive to raise funds to buy Christmas gifts for nursing home residents in Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, After his discharge, Chief Master Sergeant Daniel Sileo returned to New York, and worked for the Internal Revenue Service for many years; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Audrey, and their two daughters, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; 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 Chief Master Sergeant Daniel Sileo upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rotary International on June 1, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chief Master Sergeant Daniel Sileo.