

Assembly Resolution No. 608

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COMMENDING the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce
upon the occasion of celebrating the Military
Appreciation event on June 20, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly recognize those organizations within the State of New York which have positively impacted their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Capital Region Chamber of Commerce's Unified Military Affairs Council program upon the occasion of its celebration of the designation of Capital Region military installations on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Unified Military Affairs Council program highlights the importance of the military presence in the Capital Region and helps ensure its long-term viability and success; and

WHEREAS, The Unified Military Affairs Council program increases public knowledge of the contributions made by military units in the Capital Region, all of which impact our global, national, state and regional economy; and

WHEREAS, The Military Appreciation event will be held June 20, 2017, in Albany, New York; this auspicious occasion will recognize and pay just tribute to the men and women within the Capital Region who have served or who are serving our country so valiantly and honorably; and

WHEREAS, The Stratton Air National Guard Base, located in Scotia, New York, is home to the New York Air National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing; and

WHEREAS, The 109th Airlift Wing flies the world's only ski-equipped LC-130s "skibirds," as well as traditional C-130 "wheelbirds," in support of Arctic and Antarctic operations; and

WHEREAS, Since 1988, the 109th Airlift Wing has provided airlift support to the National Science Foundation's South Pole research program; and

WHEREAS, The U. S. Army Watervliet Arsenal is an Army-owned and operated manufacturing facility located in Watervliet, New York; and

WHEREAS, Known as "America's Cannon Factory", the Watervliet Arsenal is the nation's oldest, continuously-operated arsenal having begun its manufacturing of military hardware during the War of 1812; and

WHEREAS, The Watervliet Arsenal is relied upon by U.S. and foreign militaries to produce the most advanced, high-tech, high-powered

weaponry for cannon, howitzer, and mortar systems; and

WHEREAS, The Nuclear Power Training Unit, Ballston Spa qualifies Naval officers and enlisted personnel in the operation, maintenance and supervision of naval nuclear propulsion plants in support of Fleet operations; and

WHEREAS, The Nuclear Power Training Unit, Ballston Spa, is one of only two such units in the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, The Nuclear Power Training Unit, Ballston Spa trains and certifies approximately half of the officers and enlisted personnel needed to operate the U.S. Navy's reactor plants on nuclear-powered submarines and aircraft carriers; and

WHEREAS, The Naval Support Activity Saratoga Springs, located in Saratoga Springs, provides shore readiness and operation support to the Fleet, Fighter, Family and performs host command functions for supported area commands including Personal Property, Housing, Fleet and Family Support, Administrative, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation services in the New York State Capital Area, Massachusetts, and Vermont; and

WHEREAS, The Capital Region is honored to be home to these critically important military installations and the proud and dedicated service men and women that carry out their respective missions; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to salute the Soldiers, Airmen, and Sailors of the military units stationed within the Capital Region, to honor their dedication to preserving our freedom and our Nation, and to recognize their individual and collective contributions to our communities and to New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce upon the occasion of celebrating the Military Appreciation event on June 20, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce, the Commanding Officers of the 109th Airlift Wing, the U. S. Army Watervliet Arsenal, the Nuclear Power Training Unit, Ballston Spa and the Naval Support Activity Saratoga Springs, and members of Congress representing the Capital Region of the State of New York.