

Assembly Resolution No. 679

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CELEBRATING the life and accomplishments of retired Lieutenant Colonel Lionel H. Fallows, meritorious veteran, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Lionel H. Fallows of Amsterdam, New York, died on Monday, May 15, 2017, at the age of 97; and

WHEREAS, Born on April 30, 1920, Lionel H. Fallows was the son of the late Thomas and Nellie Carter Fallows; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Amsterdam, Lionel H. Fallows graduated from the former Wilbur H. Lynch High School in 1937, before attending the Millard Academy Preparatory School in Washington, D.C. for one year; and

WHEREAS, Lionel H. Fallows proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army in the Asiatic Pacific Theater of Operations and with the Army of Occupation in Korea during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return home, Lionel H. Fallows began working at the Air National Guard Base in Scotia, New York, from 1951 until 1980, when he retired with the esteemed rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and

WHEREAS, A civic minded individual, Lionel H. Fallows was involved in many organizations throughout the Capital District for the past 50 years: he was a member of the Greater Amsterdam Board of Education for 16 years, serving as president for three terms; member of the board of directors of the Amsterdam YMCA and served as board president for two terms; member of the board of directors of the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce; former chairman of the Amsterdam Industrial Development Agency and treasurer of the Amsterdam Urban Renewal Agency; member and chairman of the Amsterdam Memorial Hospital and member of the Board of Trustees of Amsterdam Memorial Hospital; member of the Advisory Board, Friends of Hospice of Amsterdam; member of the Board of Directors and past campaign chairman of the Amsterdam United Way; member of the Amsterdam Rotary Club; member and past officer of various veteran organizations; and was a member of the BPOE for 53 years; and

WHEREAS, Professionally, Lionel H. Fallows was associated with the Militia Association of the State of New York, the National Guard Association of the United States, and the Air Force Association; he was also vestryman, lay reader and member of St. Ann's Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, Lionel H. Fallows' greatest accomplishment in all that he

did was his family; he was devoted to his wife, Joyce, whom he married on May 7, 1949, and recently celebrated 68 years of marriage; he was committed to his children and adored his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Lionel H. Fallows is survived by his five children, Linda (Gregory), Thomas (Charlene), Diane (Dan), Deborah (John) and Karen (Rick); 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; he was predeceased by his son, Alan; and his three siblings, Ellen, Gerald and Dora; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Lionel H. Fallows leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the life and accomplishments of retired Lieutenant Colonel Lionel H. Fallows, meritorious veteran, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of retired Lieutenant Colonel Lionel H. Fallows.