

Senate Resolution No. 2242

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Ronald C. Barry upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Lake Delta Kiwanis Club on May 18, 2022

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Ronald C. Barry upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Lake Delta Kiwanis Club to be celebrated on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at Delta Lake Inn, Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Rome, New York alongside his two brothers, Ronald C. Barry graduated from Rome Free Academy in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Drafted into the United States Army on December 9, 1965, Robert C. Barry completed Basic and A/T training at Fort Dix in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, In July of 1966, this brave soldier arrived in Vung Tau Vietnam as a Company Clerk with the 611th Transportation Company Direct Support Helicopter Unit before being transferred to Vin Long Mekong Delta where mortars were routinely shot onto the small base; and

WHEREAS, In 1967, Ronald C. Barry returned to the United States and was assigned to the 80th Ordinance Company at Fort Lewis in Washington; he was officially discharged from Active Duty Service on December 8, 1967, at the esteemed rank of Specialist 5, Personnel Specialist; and

WHEREAS, For his courageous and dedicated service to his country, Ronald C. Barry was awarded the Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Ronald C. Barry began his illustrious career in public service with the State of New York in 1969; during this time, he was raising his young family in Utica, New York, while attending Utica College, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1972, before earning a Master of Science degree in Psychology from the University at Albany; and

WHEREAS, After a career in State service which traversed more than three decades, Ronald C. Barry retired in 2001; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Rome, New York, Ronald C. Barry joined the Rome VFW in January of 1968 and became a Life Member in 1982; he has served this vital organization in several capacities, including as Trustee, Junior Vice Commander, and Commander for four consecutive years (2017-2021); he currently serves as Senior Vice Commander and on the

Color Guard; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, while serving in these leadership positions, he reorganized and remodeled the Post and updated its policies; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his fellow veterans, Ronald C. Barry has also served on the Board of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; 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 risked their lives for their beloved Nation; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Ronald C. Barry demonstrates his love for his country and merits forevermore, the highest respect of this 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 Ronald C. Barry upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Lake Delta Kiwanis Club; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ronald C. Barry.