

BY: Senator STEWART-COUSINS

HONORING the distinguished veterans from the State of New York upon the occasion of their induction into the New York State Senate 2022 Veterans Hall of Fame

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 from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the distinguished veterans from the State of New York upon the occasion of their induction into the New York State Senate 2022 Veterans Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame inductees are members of any branch of the United States Armed Forces which include Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force, and Marine Corps; these exceptional men and women are chosen for this prestigious honor based on either service in combat or notable work performed after discharge from the service; and

WHEREAS, The 2022 inductees include: Alex Aesch, Jr., Raymond Arroyo, W. Gerard Asher, Jai Bams, James Robert Benzinger, James Black, Benjamin A. DeFonce, Carmine DiPasquale, Joseph Dugan, Sharon Earley-Davis, Captain Curtis Feggins, Osceola Louis Fletcher, Staff Sergeant Catalina Gaviria, James Gillen, Vito Giobbie, Sharon Hightower, Ihor John Hoshowsky, Luis F. Hurtado, Duane Jackson, Neil K. Jordan, Anthony Kavouras, Major Chad Lennon, Peter S. Lennon, Michael C. Lutz, Colleen McCarthy, Frank McClement, Willie McLaughlin Jr., Louvenia McMillan, David Menegon, Frederick H. Miller, Ph.D., Roosevelt Morring, Pedro Nieves, Steven Oliver, Renny Parker, Ann Marie Pearson, Audet Price, Sergeant Ruby Dawn Price, Darryl Randolph, Carol Reneau, Lecia A. Rodriques-Whyte, Sigilfredo Roman, Albert Warner Rood, Sergeant Eddie Ryan, Clarence Sheley, Stanley Sherman, Jason B. Skinner, Joseph M. Skinner, Sr., Stanley L. Smith, Bruce R. Sutherland, Nathan Szpilzinger, Sharon Toney-Finch, Roy Tschudy, Randy Twine, Nicholas Valenti, Daniel Vavas, Mimi Wang, Judith M. Watson, Edward R. Wehrheim, John Weigand, Harold Williams, Dennis L. Wolfe, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, The banner of freedom will always wave over our beloved New York and all of America, the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave; and

WHEREAS, The freedoms and security we cherish as Americans come at a very high price for those serving in the military in times of conflict; it is fitting and proper that we, who are the beneficiaries of those who risk their lives, must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country; 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 the distinguished veterans from the State of New York upon the occasion of their induction into the New York State Senate 2022 Veterans Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the 2022 inductees.