

BY: Senator MANNION

COMMEMORATING the 10th Anniversary of Honor Flight
Syracuse

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so faithfully and courageously in wars in which our Nation's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace during peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of Honor Flight Syracuse; and

WHEREAS, In May of 2012, Honor Flight Syracuse became an official hub in the National Honor Flight Network, a non-profit organization created solely to honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices; since then, its board and core group of volunteers have built a viable, long-term organization to provide "the Honor Flight Mission" experience to all veterans from the greater Syracuse area covering 10 counties in Central New York, Northern New York, and the Mohawk Valley; and

WHEREAS, In October of that same year, Honor Flight Syracuse conducted its inaugural mission for 27 veterans; since then, nearly 1,200 veterans have traveled to our Nation's Capitol, and in 2022, this all-volunteer organization flew its 16th mission, transporting 81 men and women who proudly served our country during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited their patriotism both at home and abroad, these brave men and women of our military have 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 commemorate the 10th Anniversary of Honor Flight Syracuse; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Honor Flight Syracuse.

