

BY: Senator BROOKS

COMMENDING the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, and paying tribute to its members for their outstanding contributions to our Nation

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 commend the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, and to pay tribute to its members for their outstanding contributions to our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1896, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America was and is the oldest veterans organization in the country; in 1958, it was chartered by Congress; and

WHEREAS, Since its inception, this esteemed veterans organization has been a force against bigotry in America, while working to support the Jewish Community; and

WHEREAS, Now in its 125th year of service, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America continues to address the challenges of serving our Nation's veterans; its members and auxiliaries perform outreach to better assist former members of the Armed Forces who utilize services at the Brooklyn Veterans Administration; and

WHEREAS, The Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America donates canteen books, clothing, and care packages needed by patients at veterans facilities; its members also distribute food and other necessities to the poor, as well as quality of life programming to the Jewish community; and

WHEREAS, In 2021, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America will be commemorating the 76th Anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration camps and the end of World War II; it will also salute the courageous Jewish veterans of World War II for their bravery, fortitude, and service, and the Jewish community for their efforts to protect our Nation's freedom; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to combating anti-Semitism in all its forms, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America offers extensive programs committed to upholding America's democratic traditions; it is also deeply concerned about the condition of fellow Jews throughout the world and commits to the assistance of oppressed Jews worldwide; and

WHEREAS, The 125-year history of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America is a living testament to its indomitable heritage; and

WHEREAS, Through its long and sustained commitment to the ideals and principles upon which this beloved Nation was first founded, the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America has unselfishly advanced that spirit of united purpose and shared concern which is the unalterable manifestation of our American experience; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, and to pay tribute to its members for their outstanding contributions to our Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America.