

Assembly Resolution No. 411

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COMMENDING the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce's Unified Military Affairs Council (UMAC)

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly recognize those organizations within the State of New York which have positively impacted their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce's Unified Military Affairs Council (UMAC), to be celebrated at a Flag Day ceremony on June 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The Unified Military Affairs Council program highlights the importance of the military presence in the Capital Region and helps ensure its long-term viability and success; and

WHEREAS, The Unified Military Affairs Council program increases public knowledge of the contributions made by military units in the Capital Region, all of which impact our global, national, state and regional economy; and

WHEREAS, The Stratton Air National Guard Base, located in Scotia, New York, is home to the New York Air National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing; and

WHEREAS, The 109th Airlift Wing flies the world's only ski-equipped LC-130s "skibirds," as well as traditional C-130 "wheelbirds," in support of Arctic and Antarctic operations; and

WHEREAS, Since 1988, the 109th Airlift Wing has provided airlift support to the National Science Foundation's South Pole research program; and

WHEREAS, The U. S. Army Watervliet Arsenal is an Army-owned and operated manufacturing facility located in Watervliet, New York; and

WHEREAS, Known as "America's Cannon Factory", the Watervliet Arsenal is the nation's oldest, continuously-operated arsenal having begun its manufacturing of military hardware during the War of 1812; and

WHEREAS, The Watervliet Arsenal is relied upon by U.S. and foreign militaries to produce the most advanced, high-tech, high-powered weaponry for cannon, howitzer, and mortar systems; and

WHEREAS, The Nuclear Power Training Unit, Ballston Spa, New York, qualifies Naval officers and enlisted personnel in the operation, maintenance and supervision of naval nuclear propulsion plants in support of Fleet operations; and

WHEREAS, The Nuclear Power Training Unit, Ballston Spa, is one of only two such units in the U.S. Navy; it trains and certifies approximately half of the officers and enlisted personnel needed to operate the U.S. Navy's reactor plants on nuclear-powered submarines and aircraft carriers; and

WHEREAS, The Naval Support Activity Saratoga Springs, located in Saratoga Springs, New York, provides shore readiness and operation support to the Fleet, Fighter, Family and performs host command functions for supported area commands including Personal Property, Housing, Fleet and Family Support, Administrative, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation services in the New York State Capital Area, Massachusetts, and Vermont; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Army - Albany Recruiting Company, with headquarters located on the Watervliet Arsenal, New York, encompasses 38,760 stateside square miles, and is responsible for the Army's recruiting mission in Europe, northern Africa, and the Middle East; the Albany Battalion's mission is to provide active Army and Army Reserve enlistees for our nation's defense; and

WHEREAS, The Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC) Schenectady provides training and administrative support to eight Navy Reserve Units, and accomplishes this mission by providing advice, assistance, and support to assigned Selected Reserve units and other participating Reservists in order to ensure effective training and administration of these units and personnel; and

WHEREAS, The NOSC's Glenville installation provides an opportunity to drill Navy reservists close to home and is equipped with training classrooms; and

WHEREAS, The Capital Region is honored to be home to these critically important military installations and the proud and dedicated service men and women who carry out their respective missions; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to salute the Soldiers, Airmen, and Sailors of the military units stationed within the Capital Region, to honor their dedication to preserving our freedom and our Nation, and to recognize their individual and collective contributions to our communities and to New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce's Unified Military Affairs Council (UMAC); and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce; COL Christian E. Sander, 109th Airlift Wing, Stratton NYANG; the U. S. Army Watervliet Arsenal; CPT Mark E. Saunders, U.S. Army - Albany Recruiting Company; CDR Johnny Lykins Jr., Nuclear Power Training Unit, Ballston Spa; CDR Earnest Jessop, Navy Operational Support Center (NOSC), Schenectady; CDR Phillip Boice, Naval Support Activity Saratoga Springs; and to each

member of the Congress of the United States from the State of New York.