

BY: Senator MARTINS

HONORING Lisa and Wayne Cohen upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Homefront Award by the Tribute and Honor Foundation on February 3, 2024

WHEREAS, Members of the United States Armed Forces, who 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 the highest commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, The dedication and sacrifices of advocates for military personnel and veterans ensure our continued role as a Nation which embodies the ideals of democracy, and contribute to the defense of liberty for peoples throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lisa and Wayne Cohen upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Homefront Award by the Tribute and Honor Foundation, to be celebrated at its 3rd Annual Phoenix Rising Awards ceremony on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at Crescent Beach Club in Bayville, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Tribute and Honor Foundation exists to honor, pay tribute, and celebrate our veterans and the veteran community, while also seeking out opportunities to support our heroes and their families; and

WHEREAS, The Homefront Award is presented to non-veterans for their outstanding service to the veteran community; and

WHEREAS, Lisa and Wayne Cohen are tireless members of Rolling Thunder New York Chapter 6, an advocacy group whose purpose is to bring full accountability for the "Prisoners Of War" and "Missing In Action" of all United States wars; and

WHEREAS, With the roar of their motorcycles, Lisa and Wayne Cohen participate in rides and demonstrations throughout the region to promote public awareness about this serious issue; 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, Having exhibited their patriotism at home with their devoted advocacy, Lisa and Wayne Cohen demonstrated their love for their country and merits forevermore the highest respect of this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Those who support 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 Lisa and Wayne Cohen upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the Homefront Award by the Tribute and Honor Foundation on February 3, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lisa and Wayne Cohen.