

**BY:** M. of A. Lunsford

**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 (JWV), and to pay tribute to its members for their outstanding contributions to our Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** Founded on March 15, 1896, by 63 Jewish veterans of the American Civil War, the JWV was and is the oldest veterans organization in the country; 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 126th year of service, the JWV and its women's auxiliary continue to serve our Nation's veterans through active programs on behalf of the war wounded and those who are patients in Veterans Administration hospitals and participates in and organizes several Jewish as well as patriotic programs across the country; and

**WHEREAS,** Currently, there are numerous posts located throughout New York, and the United States as a whole; one such organization is the David J. Kauffman Post 401 of the JWV of the Finger Lakes which was founded on June 12, 1932; and

**WHEREAS,** Remaining true to the mission of the JWV, the David J. Kauffman Post 401 has made numerous contributions to the success and progress of society which have truly enhanced the basic humanity among us all; 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.