

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Homer Richard Wilson posthumously upon the occasion of the H.R. Wilson Memorial Golf Tournament on June 29, 2013

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in the communities across New York State are reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who were devoted to the welfare of the community and its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Homer Richard Wilson posthumously upon the occasion of the H.R. Wilson Memorial Golf Tournament to be held on Saturday, June 29, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Born on January 22, 1922, in Irvington, New Jersey, Homer Richard Wilson was a graduate of Cranford High School, New Jersey, and starred on his high school basketball team; and

WHEREAS, He enlisted as an Aviation Cadet in October of 1942, and received his wings at Marianna, Florida, the class of 43K, and did his Operational training at Dale Mabry Field, Florida; in 1943, he married Jean Hays; and

WHEREAS, Homer R. Wilson was stationed in Corsica in the Mediterranean Theater during World War II, a member of the 57th Fighting Group, 65th Fighting Squadron; he piloted P-47 Thunderbolt fighter/bomber, named Jeanie and his Flight name was "Blue Flame"; and

WHEREAS, Homer R. Wilson was a Squadron leader, with the Rank of Captain; he flew in 138 combat missions covering Italy, Southern France, Northern Africa; subsequently, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal with 5 oak leaf clusters; and

WHEREAS, He retired from the United States Army Air Corp in October of 1945, and served as an Air Force Reserves Major until early 1970s; and

WHEREAS, Upon his retirement from the Army Air Corp, Homer R. Wilson was a farmer in Weathersfield Bow, Vermont; he then worked as block man for Cockshutt and Massey Ferguson from 1951 - 1961; and from 1962 - 1982, he owned and operated H.R. Wilson, Inc. Farm equipment dealership in King Ferry, New York, where he resided; and

WHEREAS, Homer R. Wilson died on June 19, 1997, at the age of 75; a member of First Presbyterian Church King Ferry, New York, he was the proud father of five children, Richard Hays, Steven Ellsworth, Bruce Edward, Debra Jean, Peter Norman; and

WHEREAS, An avid golfer, holding office in many leagues, and serving as chairman of several area golf tournaments, Homer R. Wilson was respected by his friends and fellow golfers as knowing and insisting "you always play by the rules"; and

WHEREAS, His residence from 1962-1985, in King Ferry, New York, is now a bed and breakfast named "The Homer Wilson House"; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, their memory should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Homer Richard Wilson posthumously upon the occasion of the H.R. Wilson Memorial Golf Tournament on June 29, 2013; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Homer Richard Wilson.