

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Command Sergeant Major Kenneth Church upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 40 years of dedicated service to the United States Army

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize those remarkable individuals who honorably and courageously serve their country in order to protect the life and liberty of our citizens, and whose military service, professional lives, and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Command Sergeant Major Kenneth Church upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 40 years of dedicated service to the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Kenneth Church began his distinguished military career in 1973, at Fort Dix, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Kenneth Church's numerous decorations and awards include: the Legion of Merit Ribbon, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (2 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (1 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (2 OLC), Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (9 OLC), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/M Device, Humanitarian Service Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon (4), Army Service Ribbon and the Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, New York State also honored Command Sergeant Major Kenneth Church with many commendations: the NYS Military Commendation Medal w/Silver Shield Device, Long & Faithful Service Award w/Gold Shield Device, NYS Operation New Dawn Ribbon, NYS Defense of Liberty Medal w/WTC Device, NYS Aid to Civil Authority Medal w/3 Silver Shield Devices, NYS Exercise Support Ribbon w/1 Silver "E" Device, and the NYS Humane Service Medal w/4 Silver Shield Devices; and

WHEREAS, Command Sergeant Major Kenneth Church served New York State during the 1979 Prison Strike, Operation Tornado, Operation ICE, Y2K, and Super Storm Sandy; and

WHEREAS, Before Command Sergeant Major Kenneth Church retired on March 31, 2014, he completed his final assignment as the Brigade Command Sergeant Major for the 153rd Troop Command; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who dedicate their lives to military service merit the commendation and applause of all citizens for their commitment to the preservation of American freedom; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Command Sergeant Major Kenneth Church upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 40 years of dedicated service to the United States Army; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Command Sergeant Major Kenneth Church.