

BY: Senator GOLDEN

HONORING Colonel Peter Sicoli upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition at a Memorial Day Breakfast on May 24, 2018

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and

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 honor Colonel Peter Sicoli upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition at a Memorial Day Breakfast on Thursday, May 24, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Peter Sicoli has served as the Garrison Commander, United States Army Garrison, Fort Hamilton, New York, since July 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tour, Colonel Peter Sicoli consistently provided exceptional service and support to the Fort Hamilton Community and its New York City partners; his demonstrated leadership skills ensured a high state of soldier, civilian, and family readiness at one of the Army's most diverse installations; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Colonel Peter Sicoli is responsible for the safety, security, and well-being of a 170 acre installation in Brooklyn, New York, with a population of over 6,000 service members, civilians, and family members and a real property inventory of 112 buildings and facilities; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Peter Sicoli consistently provided clear focus and intent to the Garrison staff; he worked tirelessly to build processes which allowed the team to assess their performance and he initiated several systems to improve acquisition reform and human capital management; and

WHEREAS, Born in Astoria, Queens, Peter Sicoli moved with his family to New Hyde Park, New York, at a young age; he was commissioned as an Armor Officer through ROTC at St. John's University in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Peter Sicoli holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from St. John's University, a Master of Science degree in Administration from Central Michigan University, and a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy from National Defense University, Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, his military education includes Airborne, Air

Assault, and Ranger Schools, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff Officer Course, the School of Advanced Military Studies (SAMS) and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (Eisenhower School); and

WHEREAS, Colonel Peter Sicoli has served in a variety of command and staff positions in combat brigades throughout the United States and overseas to include multiple combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Prior to assuming command of the Fort Hamilton Garrison, Colonel Peter Sicoli served as the Operations Officer (G3) with the 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Peter Sicoli awards and decorations include: The Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Meritorious Service Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 1 Campaign Star, Iraqi Campaign Medal with 3 Campaign Stars; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Sharon, and their two daughters, Kate and Lauren, who have all shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Colonel Peter Sicoli continues to demonstrate his love for his country and merits forevermore, the highest respect of his State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, 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 Colonel Peter Sicoli upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition at a Memorial Day Breakfast on May 24, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Colonel Peter Sicoli.