

BY: Senator LANZA

RECOGNIZING June 25, 2018, as Korean War Veterans'
Day in the State of New York

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize June 25, 2018, as Korean War Veterans' Day in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The Staten Island Korean War Veterans', the Corporal Allan F. Kivlehan Chapter, is celebrating its 65th Anniversary; July 27th marks the 65th Anniversary of armistice; and

WHEREAS, On this day 65 years ago, 135,000 soldiers from the North Korean People's Army invaded the Republic of Korea; and

WHEREAS, Days later, United States President Harry Truman would order American ground troops into action; the war totaled over 100,000 wounded United States troops and more than 36,000 American troops died; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, 35 Staten Islanders were killed in the three year war; and

WHEREAS, South Korea had approximately 217,000 military casualties and about one million civilians either killed or missing; and

WHEREAS, The comparative North Korean numbers tally around 406,000 military casualties and 600,000 civilian casualties; additionally, China, in support of North Korea, recorded 600,000 military casualties; and

WHEREAS, No peace treaty has ever been signed so technically the war has been ongoing since June 25, 1950; however, an armistice was signed on July 27, 1953, ceasing the fighting; and

WHEREAS, The dedication and sacrifices of our military personnel ensure our continued role as a Nation which embodies the ideals of democracy, and is a defender of liberty for peoples throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is very pleased to have this opportunity to express its gratitude to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces for their tremendous sacrifices made for our Nation and for the benefit of all Americans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize June 25, 2018, as Korean War Veterans' Day in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Staten Island Korean War Veterans', the Corporal Allan F. Kivlehan Chapter.