BY: Senator BROOKS

MEMORIALIZING Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim November 2019, as Military Family Appreciation Month in the State of New York

WHEREAS, Military families are silent heroes who are essential to the strength of the nation, and they serve our country just like their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, America's military families are the backbone of this country, supporting our troops during mission, deployment, reintegration and reset; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim November 2019, as Military Family Appreciation Month in the State of New York, in conjunction with the observance of National Military Family Appreciation Month; and

WHEREAS, Military Family Appreciation Month was established in 1996, by the Armed Services YMCA, with the United States Government recognizing the occasion every year since; each November, the President signs a proclamation declaring Military Family Appreciation Month; and

WHEREAS, During Military Spouse Appreciation Month we honor the contributions and sacrifices made by military families, whose commitment and support help to keep our country safe; military families truly have a great impact on our lives and our military communities; and

WHEREAS, Military families know what it means to serve; each and every day, they get up and support their service member, standing by during long trainings and deployments; each family knows the risks, but accept this life of service anyway; and

WHEREAS, Military families share a bond with each other, and share valuable information pertaining to military news, benefits, fitness and so much more; and

WHEREAS, Today, with hundreds of thousands of service members deployed overseas, recognizing the daily sacrifices made by active duty, Guard, and Reserve military families has never been more important; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim November 2019, as Military Family Appreciation Month in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York.