

BY: Senator BRESLIN

COMMENDING Anthony A. Maier posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor a Deceased Veteran Ceremony on August 12, 2019

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 peace-time, deserve a special salute; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend those who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Anthony A. Maier posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor a Deceased Veteran Ceremony on Monday, August 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Born on September 2, 1924, Anthony "Andy" A. Maier was the son of the late Frank Maier and Louise Schollhorn Maier; raised and educated in Troy, New York, he was a graduate of Troy High School; and

WHEREAS, Anthony A. Maier proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army during World War II, and as a member of the United States Navy during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, For his meritorious service, Anthony A. Maier was the recipient of the American Service Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Anthony A. Maier and the former Helen Carroll were united in marriage in Troy, New York in 1955, and together they raised two sons; he was a self-employed and very gifted remodeling contractor in the local community for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Anthony A. Maier was a lifelong member of the Troy German Hall Association, where he served as president and board member for many years; he was also a founding member of the Brunswick Elks Club and a member of the Lansingburgh Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he was a board member and former president of the Lansingburgh Rotary Club, where he received the Paul Harris Fellow Award, and board member of the Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club, where he received the Frank W. Kennedy Memorial Award in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his fellow veterans, Anthony A. Maier was former president and member of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, Hudson

Valley Chapter; and

WHEREAS, Anthony A. Maier was a communicant of St. Augustine's Church, where he served as an usher for several years; he was a truly gentle soul loved by all who knew him and will be remembered for his profound generosity; and

WHEREAS, Anthony A. Maier died on May 6, 2012, at the age of 87; he is survived by his two sons, Stephen and Christopher (Elizabeth); three grandchildren, Kristen, Thomas and Eric; two brothers, Paul and Ernest; two sisters, Marie and Helen; and several nieces and nephews; he was predeceased by two sisters, Frances and Dorothy; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Anthony A. Maier demonstrated 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 commend Anthony A. Maier posthumously upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Rensselaer County at its Honor a Deceased Veteran Ceremony; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Anthony A. Maier.