

BY: Senator RITCHIE

HONORING Peter Allen upon the occasion of being named the 2021 Veteran of the Year by the Fulton Veterans' Council

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, 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Peter Allen upon the occasion of being named the 2021 Veteran of the Year by the Fulton Veterans' Council; and

WHEREAS, Peter Allen served his country in the United States Army as a non-commissioned officer at West Point Military Academy; and

WHEREAS, During his time of service, Peter Allen oversaw security for several high-profile events, including visits from President Ronald Reagan and the return home of 52 hostages during the Iranian revolution; and

WHEREAS, In his post-service life, Peter Allen has worked tirelessly to support his fellow veterans and active duty troops; in 2006, he founded the not-for-profit "Thank a Service Member," a charitable organization dedicated to educating the public and showing gratitude for all who serve our nation; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Peter Allen helped to establish the "National Grid Veterans Employee Resource Group," an initiative which works to expand housing and job opportunities for veterans which, in turn, helps to improve their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Peter Allen is a shining example of the impact a person can have when they selflessly serve their county and then go on to serve their community; 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 Peter Allen upon the occasion of being named the 2021 Veteran of the Year by the Fulton Veterans' Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Peter Allen.