

BY: Senator BOYLE

HONORING John J. McCormick upon the occasion of his induction into the New York State Senate Veteran's Hall of Fame

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 John J. McCormick upon the occasion of his induction into the New York State Senate Veteran's Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Born during the Great Depression on May 22, 1932, in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, John J. McCormick took his first job with a peddler on September 2, 1939, to help his family with expenses; in 1942, he went to work in Thomas Roulston's grocery store, and worked there full-time after leaving school at the age of 16; and

WHEREAS, In November of 1949, John J. McCormick enlisted in the United States Marines, and proudly served his country onboard a ship in both South and North Korea during the Korean War; in March of 1952, he was promoted to the esteemed rank of Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return from the Korean Peninsula, John J. McCormick was stationed at Camp Lejeune for two years before being deployed to Puerto Rico for two months on maneuvers; he was then stationed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard where he worked in the 3rd Naval District Brig; and

WHEREAS, In July of 1954, John J. McCormick was ordered to Barber's Point Naval Air Station in Oahu, Hawaii, where he remained for 18 months until he was transferred to Kaneohe Bay, and then to the Philippines for maneuvers; and

WHEREAS, During the summer of 1956, John J. McCormick was transferred to Quantico, Virginia, where he remained for two years; while there, he worked for IBM, was the caretaker for a baseball field, and managed the Quantico Basketball Team; and

WHEREAS, John J. McCormick was then stationed with the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force in Okinawa, Japan, for 14 months, before being transferred to Camp Pendleton, California, where he decided not to re-enlist; and

WHEREAS, In May of 1961, John J. McCormick was appointed to the New

York City Police Department and was assigned to the 32nd Precinct in Harlem, New York, as a patrolman; after four years, he worked in the plain clothes unit at the 14th division before being transferred to the 103rd Precinct in 1965; after 21 years of service, he officially retired in 1982; and

WHEREAS, On December 7, 1975, John J. McCormick joined the Air Force Reserves as a Sergeant (E-4) at the age of 43 and attended many schools, such as the Air Force Senior NCO Academy; he was on active duty at Robbins Air Force Base in Georgia at the Security Police Headquarters when Desert Storm began in 1991, however, he was not deployed and was stationed at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey, where he finished his last 16 years of service; in May of 1992, he completed his last assignment which was Superintendent of the 514th Security Police Flight, retiring with the rank of Senior Master Sergeant (E-8); and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, John J. McCormick has 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 honor John J. McCormick upon the occasion of his induction into the New York State Senate Veteran's Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John J. McCormick.