

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Timothy Hurley upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Lake Delta Kiwanis Club of Rome on June 6, 2026

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those distinguished citizens of the State of New York whose purposeful lives and exemplary service contribute greatly to the strength and vitality of their communities and this great Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Timothy Hurley upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Lake Delta Kiwanis Club of Rome, to be celebrated on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at Gone Coastal in Lee Center, New York; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Hurley has demonstrated throughout his life an unyielding commitment to his country, his family, his fellow veterans, and the Rome community, earning the admiration and gratitude of all who know him; and

WHEREAS, A native of Rome, New York, Timothy Hurley graduated from Rome Free Academy in 1966 at the remarkable age of 16, having attended a one-room schoolhouse without kindergarten prior to beginning his formal education; and

WHEREAS, In March of 1969, Timothy Hurley answered the call of duty and entered the United States Army, reporting for service at Fort Dix, New Jersey, where he completed basic training, leadership preparation, and advanced infantry training; and

WHEREAS, Following his training, Timothy Hurley was deployed to the Republic of Vietnam in October of 1969, arriving first at Cam Ranh Bay before being assigned to the Quang Tri region near the Demilitarized Zone, one of the most dangerous combat areas of the war; and

WHEREAS, Serving with the 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry, 5th Mechanized Infantry Division, Timothy Hurley courageously endured intense combat operations, including a devastating engagement on November 13, 1969, in which his unit of 107 troops was attacked by an estimated 1,200 to 1,400 North Vietnamese Army soldiers, resulting in numerous casualties and acts of extraordinary valor; and

WHEREAS, During his combat service, Timothy Hurley sustained injuries in the line of duty, including being thrown from an armored personnel carrier after it struck a land mine and later suffering additional wounds from a hand flare explosion, requiring months of hospitalization while serving overseas; and

WHEREAS, Despite the hardships and dangers he endured, Timothy Hurley faithfully completed his military service and returned home in

October of 1970, embodying the courage, sacrifice, and resilience that define America's veterans; and

WHEREAS, Following his honorable military service, Timothy Hurley dedicated himself to his family and career, working at Yankee Motors in Schenectady, Rome Manufacturing, and ultimately retiring from Rome Laboratories after years of steadfast service; and

WHEREAS, In later years, the lasting effects of his wartime service emerged through severe medical complications associated with exposure to Agent Orange, including multiple cancers, spinal surgeries, and dialysis treatments, challenges he has faced with remarkable strength and dignity; and

WHEREAS, Throughout these trials, Timothy Hurley has been sustained by the love and devotion of his wife of 49 years, who serves not only as his partner in life but also as his caregiver and dialysis nurse; together they have built a proud and loving family including five children, 11 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Continuing his commitment to honoring veterans and preserving the memory of those who served, Timothy Hurley and his family have, over the past six years, organized a golf tournament that has raised more than \$55,000 for the perpetual care of the Vietnam Memorial at Griffiss Business and Technology Park in Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, The courage, patriotism, perseverance, and civic spirit displayed by Timothy Hurley throughout his life stand as an inspiration to all New Yorkers and serve as a powerful reminder of the sacrifices made by members of the United States Armed Forces; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Timothy Hurley upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Lake Delta Kiwanis Club of Rome on June 6, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Timothy Hurley.