Assembly Resolution No. 1187

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CONGRATULATING Specialist Trevor Lock and Staff Sergeant Derek Tucker upon the occasion of winning the New York Army National Guard's 2026 Best Warrior Contest

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those exceptional individuals whose dedication, courage, and service strengthen the fabric of our State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Specialist Trevor Lock and Staff Sergeant Derek Tucker upon the occasion of winning the New York Army National Guard's 2026 Best Warrior Contest, held March 23-26, 2026, at Camp Smith Training Site in the Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Trevor Lock, a resident of Lockport and a member of the Buffalo-based 105th Military Police Company, earned top honors in the junior enlisted soldier category at the 2026 New York Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Derek Tucker, a resident of Corning and a member of the 105th Military Police Company, was recognized as the top non-commissioned officer in the same Best Warrior Competition; and

WHEREAS, The Best Warrior Competition is a prestigious and demanding event conducted by National Guard units across the United States, designed to identify those Soldiers who demonstrate the highest standards of excellence and readiness; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the rigorous four-day competition, these outstanding young men exemplified strength, perseverance, discipline, and intellect, rising above every challenge with determination and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, The annual competition tests each soldier's physical fitness, marksmanship, tactical proficiency, and military knowledge through a series of grueling and exacting events; and

WHEREAS, Competitors also completed a written examination and demonstrated critical lifesaving abilities through a comprehensive medical skills assessment; and

WHEREAS, The final challenge, a demanding 12-mile ruck march carrying a 25-pound pack, required not only physical endurance but also extraordinary mental resilience; and

WHEREAS, This competition is designed to replicate real-world operational conditions, ensuring that participants are prepared to meet the complex demands of modern military service; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Trevor Lock and Staff Sergeant Derek Tucker will proudly represent the State of New York at the Northeast Regional Competition at Camp Fogarty, Rhode Island, in June, where they will compete for the opportunity to advance to the National Guard Best Warrior Competition; and

WHEREAS, Through their unwavering commitment to duty, their steadfast courage, and their selfless service, Specialist Trevor Lock and Staff Sergeant Derek Tucker embody the highest ideals of military excellence and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, It is both fitting and proper that this Legislative Body recognize not only their remarkable achievement in competition, but also their continued dedication to safeguarding the freedoms and security of our Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate and honor Specialist Trevor Lock and Staff Sergeant Derek Tucker upon the occasion of winning the New York Army National Guard's 2026 Best Warrior Contest; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Specialist Trevor Lock and Staff Sergeant Derek Tucker.