Assembly Resolution No. 736

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COMMENDING the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce upon the occasion of celebrating its Military Appreciation Event on June 9, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to take note of and publicly recognize those organizations within the State of New York which have positively impacted their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce's Unified Military Affairs Council Program upon the occasion of its celebration of the designation of Capital Region military installations in Albany, New York, on Monday, June 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The Unified Military Affairs Council Program highlights the importance of the military presence in the Capital Region and helps ensure its long-term viability and success; and

WHEREAS, The Unified Military Affairs Council Program increases public knowledge of the contributions made by military units in the Capital Region, all of which impact our global, national, state, and regional security and economy; and

WHEREAS, The Military Appreciation Event will be held in Albany, New York, on Monday, June 9, 2025; this auspicious occasion will recognize and pay just tribute to the men and women within the Capital Region who have served or are serving our country so valiantly and honorably; and

WHEREAS, The Stratton Air National Guard Base, located in Scotia, New York, is home to the New York Air National Guard's 109th Airlift Wing; and

WHEREAS, The 109th Airlift Wing flies the world's only ski-equipped LC-130 "Skibirds," as well as traditional C-130 "Wheelbirds," in support of Arctic and Antarctic operations; and

WHEREAS, Since 1988, the 109th Airlift Wing has provided airlift support to the National Science Foundation's South Pole Research Program; and

WHEREAS, The United States Army Watervliet Arsenal is an Army-owned-and-operated manufacturing facility located in Watervliet, New York; and

WHEREAS, Known as "America's Cannon Factory," the Watervliet Arsenal is the nation's oldest, continuously operated arsenal, having begun its manufacturing of military hardware during the War of 1812; and

WHEREAS, The Navy Reserve Center of Schenectady, located in Scotia,

New York, is one of 118 Navy Reserve Centers throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Navy Reserve is to provide strategic depth and deliver operational capabilities to the Navy and Marine Corps teams and joint forces in times of peace or war; and

WHEREAS, The United States Army Albany Recruiting Battalion, with headquarters located at the Watervliet Arsenal in New York, encompasses 38,760 stateside square miles; and

WHEREAS, The Albany Recruiting Battalion includes the 27 northeastern counties of New York State, the five westernmost counties of Massachusetts, and the States of Vermont and Connecticut and is responsible for the Army's recruiting mission in Europe, northern Africa, and the Middle East; and

WHEREAS, The Albany Recruiting Battalion operates 51 recruiting stations in the continental United States and four recruiting stations in Germany; and

WHEREAS, The Capital Region is honored to be home to these critically important military installations and the proud and dedicated service men and women who carry out their respective missions; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to salute the Soldiers, Airmen, and Sailors of the military units stationed within the Capital Region and to honor their dedication and collective contributions to our communities and to New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce upon the occasion of celebrating its Military Appreciation Event on June 9, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of the Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Capital Region Chamber of Commerce, the Commanding Officers of the 109th Airlift Wing, the United States Army's Watervliet Arsenal, the Navy Reserve Center of Schenectady, the United States Army's Albany Retention Battalion, and Members of Congress representing the Capital Region of the State of New York.