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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the United States Army's 411th Engineer Brigade upon the occasion of their deployment to Afghanistan

WHEREAS, The dedication and sacrifices of our military personnel ensure our continued role as a Nation; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who dedicate their lives to military service merit the commendation and applause of all citizens for their commitment to the preservation of American freedom; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the United States Army's 411th Engineer Brigade upon the occasion of their deployment to Afghanistan, to be recognized with a Farewell Ceremony on Thursday, April 19, 2012, at Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, The 411th Engineer Brigade has a proud history spanning almost 80 years; it was first constituted as the 355th Engineer Regiment in 1921; during World War II, the Regiment saw action in the ETO undertaking numerous bridging and mobility missions in Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland and the Ardennes region; and

WHEREAS, The Regiment was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation for service in World War II; in 1948, the unit was reactivated, reorganized and re-designated as the 411th Engineer Brigade; the Brigade was again recalled to active duty in 1990 during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm; and

WHEREAS, The 411th Engineer Brigade also provided support to Operation Joint Endeavor/Guard by augmenting the 412th ENCOM staff and by the deployment of the 139th and 141st TC Detachments which were under its peacetime command and control; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved with great respect and reverent esteem, and, on behalf of all of the citizens of the Empire State, to renew its tribute to the men and women who so courageously serve our Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the United States Army's 411th Engineer Brigade upon the occasion of their deployment to Afghanistan; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Brigadier General David L. Weeks, Commander, 411th Engineer Brigade.