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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander John J. Knapp upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sullivan County American Legion

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend and support the purposeful cause of the American Legion, recognizing its long and sustained commitment to the principles of democracy and freedom so revered by this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion was founded by members of the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) who convened at Paris, France, on March 15-19, 1919; the following May, soldiers, sailors and marines representing every state met in St. Louis to ratify the action of the AEF, already endorsed by the highest military authorities, and launch the American Legion as a national organization of American veterans; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander John J. Knapp upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sullivan County American Legion on Sunday, March 10, 2013, in Bloomingburg, New York; and

WHEREAS, One of the fundamental aims of the American Legion was to create a fraternity based upon firm comradeship, born of war service, and dedicated to equitable treatment for all veterans, particularly the suffering and disabled, their widows and children; and

WHEREAS, John Knapp joined the United States Marine Corps in March of 1969; he was deployed to Vietnam and during his tour he was wounded, later being awarded the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, An active member of Post 1390 and the Sons of the American Legion, John Knapp earned his Legion entitlement through his father, Kenneth Knapp, a veteran of World War II; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Sons of the American Legion for 30 years, John Knapp held offices at the Squadron, County and District levels; he completed two years as Detachment-Vice Commander for the 5th and 6th Districts; and

WHEREAS, A true supporter of his community, John Knapp has been a volunteer firefighter in the Harpursville Fire Department for five years

and with the Sanitaria Springs Fire Department for three years; he has been a driver for the Colesville Ambulance Squad for 13 years and has actively supported the Harpursville Schools Marching Band for over 12 years; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Harpursville Methodist Church, John Knapp retired from the Rogers Trucking Company after 25 years of service; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Ida, and their six children, 14 grandchildren, and great-granddaughter, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Detachment Commander John Knapp has helped to make the Sons of the American Legion Family an organization recognized with pride throughout this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander John J. Knapp upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Sullivan County American Legion; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Detachment Commander John J. Knapp, Sons of the American Legion.