

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

Memorial Resolution

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, on July 5, 2014, removed from our midst Russell A. Guthrie, in whose death we have lost a pioneer Soldier, World War II United States Army Veteran, as well as a valued and respected citizen, and whose family has lost a kind and devoted member; and

WHEREAS, Russell A. Guthrie reached the ripe age of 90 years old and was a life-long resident in the city of Buffalo, New York, where he resided in the 1st District for many years; and,

WHEREAS, Russell A. Guthrie served in the 10th Calvary (Buffalo Soldiers) and the 761st Tank Battalion (Patton's Panthers) during WWII as a Sergeant First Class of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Russell, in his role as a Tank Gunner, received the distinguished awards of Purple Heart, Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation, and a Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Guthrie was a long-time Member of the American Legion, a Life Member of AMVETS, a Member of the VFW, and a Life Member of United Veterans of Buffalo, who continued to serve his community and fellow Veterans after the war; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Guthrie was featured in the Buffalo News in a series entitled "Saluting Our War Heroes/Stories About Those That Served" that was published on August 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Guthrie was featured in a WGRZ Channel 2 news interview remembering his participation in the D-Day Invasion, and was honored by the Erie County Legislature with a Proclamation and Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his military services during the 69th Anniversary of "D-Day" Event in June, 2013; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby mourn the passing of Russell A. Guthrie and pauses in its deliberations to honor and celebrate the life of Sergeant First Class Guthrie, and offer our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and colleagues on the loss of an exceptional veteran who remains well loved throughout the community

Hon. Barbara Miller-Williams
1st District Legislator