



IN RECOGNITION OF THE 39 SERVICEMEN FROM ST. AGNES HOME, SPARKILL, NEW YORK WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN WAR WHILE DEFENDING THEIR COUNTRY

August 19, 2006

WHEREAS, as the representative body of the entire County of Rockland, it is fitting that this Legislature pause in its deliberations to recognize those individuals and entities which enrich the lives of the residents of our community; and

WHEREAS, in 1884 the Sparkill Dominican Sisters settled in Rockland County and as part of their mission, purchased property in Sparkill and opened the St. Agnes Home for Boys in that same year; and

WHEREAS, thousands of children, who would become known as "House's Kids", grew up in the home, which subsequently closed in 1977; and

WHEREAS, today, we gather with the St. Agnes Alumni Association, the Piermont Memorial Post 7462 Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the community as a whole, to pay tribute to the 39 "House's Kids" who lost their lives, while in the service of their country, during World War II and the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, these brave young men met the call of duty and made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we honor their sacrifice, applaud their courage and pay tribute to their memories, remembering that "people who had the least, gave the most"

NOW, therefore, I, HARRIET D. CORNELL, Chairwoman of the Rockland County Legislature, on behalf of the entire Legislature do hereby publicly and formally proclaim August 19, 2006 **A DAY IN RECOGNITION OF THE 39 SERVICEMEN FROM ST. AGNES HOME, SPARKILL, NEW YORK WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN WAR WHILE DEFENDING THEIR COUNTRY.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have caused the seal of the County of Rockland to be affixed this 19th day of August 2006.

HON. HARRIET D. CORNELL
Chairwoman of the Legislature

LAURENCE O. TOOLE
Clerk to the Legislature

Introduced by: **Hon. Connie L. Coker, Hon. John A. Murphy**