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MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

By the Honorable Mark Stone, 29th Assembly District;
Relative to commending

CHRISTOPHER M. DiMAIO, M.D.

WHEREAS, Throughout the course of American history, courageous men and women have taken up arms to secure, defend, and maintain the core principles upon which our nation's freedoms depend, and Dr. Christopher M. DiMaio is one such stellar individual, who will be honored as 2015 Veteran of the Year for the 29th Assembly District during the Eighth Annual Veterans Recognition Luncheon held at the Sacramento Convention Center on June 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, This special event is a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good, and the residents of the local area and the people of the State of

California can join hands in this common purpose of gratitude and remembrance; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the United States Marine Corps, Dr. Christopher DiMaio provided expertise as a Medical Doctor at the OPD Medical Clinic at St. Albans Naval Hospital in New York, and during the Vietnam conflict, he was assigned to the 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, and later served as a Battalion Surgeon for the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, in which capacity he not only participated in field operations, ambushes, helicopter assaults, and Medcaps, but also helped establish a 150-bed hospital at the Quang Tri Marine Base; after returning stateside, he served as a Medical Officer at Naval Station Treasure Island near San Francisco, California; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DiMaio has demonstrated his tireless dedication to the community in his capacity as a board-certified psychiatrist, and over the course of his distinguished career, he also has earned renown for his service to and advocacy on behalf of his fellow veterans, and utilizing his medical expertise he has conducted psychiatric evaluations of veterans, primarily combat veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) or veterans who have experienced Military Sexual Trauma; and

WHEREAS, A leader in every sense of the word, Dr. DiMaio has been instrumental in establishing the Veterans Court in Santa Cruz County, where he serves as a Peer Mentor; he also helped fund and design the Veterans Advocate position in Santa Cruz, and distinguishes himself as a life member of the Marine Corps League Monterey Bay Detachment 711, VFW, and Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 54 Santa Cruz; a Charter member of the Bill Motto VFW Post 5888 Santa Cruz; cofounding member of the Rainbow Veterans of Santa Cruz County; President of the Santa Cruz Veterans Memorial Building Board; and member of the United Veterans Council of Santa Cruz, to name just a few of his leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, The people of California must solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and it is appropriate to applaud Dr. Christopher DiMaio for the courageous manner with which he served and sacrificed in the safeguarding of our democratic principles for this generation and for generations to come; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY ASSEMBLY MEMBER MARK STONE, That he takes immense pleasure in expressing his sincere appreciation to Dr. Christopher M. DiMaio for his dedication to duty and country and his honorable and faithful service to the United States of

America and the State of California, and extends to him the special recognition of a grateful public.

Dated this 24th day of June, 2015.

Honorable Mark Stone
29th Assembly District