

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lieutenant Colonel Peter M. Meyer upon the occasion of his retirement from the United States Marine Corps after 20 years of distinguished and honorable service

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to honor and acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives, military service and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, For the past 20 years, Lieutenant Colonel Peter M. Meyer has rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable military service to the United States Marine Corps and the Nation; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lieutenant Colonel Peter M. Meyer upon the occasion of his retirement from the United States Marine Corps after 20 years of distinguished and honorable service; this auspicious occasion will be celebrated on Saturday, May 4, 2013, at a Change of Command and Retirement Ceremony to be held at Marine Corps Hangar, Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Roger Williams College in Bristol, Rhode Island, where he earned a Bachelor of Architecture degree, Lieutenant Colonel Peter M. Meyer was commissioned a Second Lieutenant through United States Marine Corps Officer Candidates School in 1993; and

WHEREAS, After completing basic school, Lieutenant Colonel Peter M. Meyer reported to Pensacola, Florida, for flight training and was transferred to Naval Air Station Corpus Christi, Texas, to complete his training; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Peter M. Meyer was designated a Naval Aviator in August 1996; subsequently, he reported to VMGR-253, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, for training; after completing Fleet Replacement Squadron training in June 1997, he reported to VMGR-352, MAG-11, Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, California, where he served as Adjutant, Ground Training Officer and Flight Duty Officer; and

WHEREAS, In July 2000, he was transferred to VMGR-252, MAG-14, Marine Corp Air Station, Cherry Point, where he served as the Future Operations Officer, Flight Duty Officer and Aviation Safety Officer; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Peter M. Meyer deployed to Pakistan in 2001 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, and one year later, he deployed to Shaikh Isa, Bahrain, and supported operations around the Horn of Africa; and

WHEREAS, In March 2003, then Captain Peter M. Meyer was transferred to VMGR-253, and served as the Director of Safety and Standardization and as the Operations Officer; during this tour of duty, he was promoted to Major and in December 2004, he was reassigned to the Pentagon to serve as the C/KC-130F/R/T/J Requirements Officer for the Director, Air Warfare, Chief of Naval Operations (N88); and

WHEREAS, In 2007, then Major Peter M. Meyer reported to Little Rock Air Force Base for KC-130J conversion training; upon completion of training, he reported to VMGR-352, MAG-11, Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, California, and served as the squadron Aircraft Maintenance Officer; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Peter M. Meyer deployed to Al Asad Air Base, Iraq, in 2008, to serve as the Detachment Officer-In-Charge of the combined VMGR-352/252 six plane detachment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; he redeployed to Miramar in February of 2009, and assumed the duties of the Director of Safety and Standardization and Executive Officer, and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in August 2009; and

WHEREAS, That same year, Lieutenant Colonel Peter M. Meyer deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan, and served as the Detachment Officer-In-Charge of

the combined VMGR-352/152 six plane detachment in support of Operation

Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, He redeployed to Miramar in 2010 and then to Quantico, Virginia, to serve as the Head, Senior Leader Management (MMSL) for the Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs; and

WHEREAS, On June 4, 2011, Lieutenant Colonel Peter M. Meyer took command of Marine Aircraft Group 49 Detachment B in Newburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Peter M. Meyer has completed the Aviation Safety Officer Course, Forward Air Controller Course, Amphibious Warfare and Marine Corps Command and Staff non-resident schools; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and decorations, he received the Meritorious Service Medal with two Gold Stars, Strike/Flight Air Medal with numeral 10, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with one Gold Star and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with one Gold Star; and

WHEREAS, In all his official acts, Lieutenant Colonel Peter M. Meyer has been governed by a sense of loyalty, duty and honor, that allowed him to be a natural leader; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Michelle Guarriello Meyer, and their daughters, Morgan and Haley, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his extraordinary and outstanding military career, Lieutenant Colonel Peter M. Meyer has earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his friends, family and colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lieutenant Colonel Peter M. Meyer upon the occasion of his retirement from the United States Marine Corps after 20 years of distinguished and honorable service to the United States Marine Corps and the Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lieutenant Colonel Peter M. Meyer.