

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Captain Peter Pagano upon the occasion of his valiant service as a distinguished member of the Armed Forces, and celebrating his career and success in serving as a commissioned officer in the United States Navy

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize members of the Armed Services who set an extraordinary example for our country and affect the lives of citizens in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The United States Navy has been in existence for 240 years, with many of the Navy's fleets having been built in New York State; we recognize the men and women who have served in times of war and have given the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Captain Peter Pagano, a native son of Glendale, Queens, New York, is a fine example of the officers who serve the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Since his admittance to officer candidate school, Captain Peter Pagano has had the distinction of being a leader; from his first command of the USS UNDERWOOD to his final command as Executive Officer of Tactical Training Group Atlantic, he has served his country with honor; and

WHEREAS, Before acceptance to officer candidate school, Captain Peter Pagano received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Politics from St. John's University; he then received his master's degree in Foreign Affairs from Salve Regina University while on active duty; and

WHEREAS, It is within a career of a military officer, to have served in multiple capacities; Captain Peter Pagano's first assignment was Combat Systems Officer for the USS UNDERWOOD in which he successfully completed southern watch deployment; he was then assigned to the USS AMERICA and took part in Operations Restore Democracy and Deliberate Force; and

WHEREAS, After completing both assignments and successful missions, Captain Peter Pagano became Executive Officer of the USS ROBERT G. BRADLEY where he completed Standing Naval Forces Atlantic Deployment, and was then assigned to the Joint Warfighting Center where he was a Deployable Training Team Observer/Trainer; and

WHEREAS, Captain Peter Pagano's leadership qualities demonstrated he was an able leader and subsequently, he was given command of the USS CARR; as Commanding Officer of the USS CARR, he pioneered deployment to the Gulf of Guinea and western Africa in support of EUCOM theater security objectives; and

WHEREAS, In July of 2006, Captain Peter Pagano received the command of the USS KEARSARGE where his ship took part in Operation Sea Angel II, providing humanitarian relief to Bangladesh in response to a tropical cyclone that struck the country; and

WHEREAS, The 29 year career of such an officer should recognize certain commands that merit acknowledgement such as serving as Fleet Operations Officer for the United States Navy's Second Fleet, Deputy Commander of COMPHIBRON Four, Commodore of COMPHIBRON Four and Kearsarge amphibious ready group; and

WHEREAS, As Commodore, Captain Peter Pagano led this task force during Operation Odyssey Dawn in 2010 against Libya; his last two assignments before retiring were Chief of Staff of Navy Warfare Development Command and Executive Officer of Tactical Training Group Atlantic; and

WHEREAS, Acknowledging one's career in the Armed Services, one should notate their awarded medals; for his services, Captain Peter Pagano received the Legion of Merit Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal,

the Navy Commendation Medal and Navy Achievement Medal among other service medals and unit awards; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Captain Peter Pagano demonstrated his love for his country and merits forevermore, the highest respect of his State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Our Nation's veterans deserve to be recognized, commended and thanked by the people of the State of New York for their service and for their dedication to their communities, their State and their Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Captain Peter Pagano upon the occasion of his valiant service as a distinguished member of the Armed Forces, and to celebrate his career and success in serving as a commissioned officer in the United States Navy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Captain Peter Pagano.