

Senate Resolution No. 893

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Senior Chief Michael J. Grogan, upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Lake Delta Kiwanis on May 17, 2023

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably in wars in which this country's freedom was at stake, as well as in the preservation of peace in peacetime, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend those who have served in times of active conflict, as well as those who have served in times of peace; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Senior Chief Michael J. Grogan upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Lake Delta Kiwanis on May 17, 2023, to be celebrated at this year's 6th Annual Veteran's Recognition Dinner at the Delta Lake Inn of Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, The dedication and sacrifices of our military personnel ensure our continued role as a Nation which embodies the ideals of democracy, and is a defender of liberty for peoples throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Grogan was born in Albany, New York in 1962, and graduated from Colonie Central High School in 1980; ten days later, he was attending Boot Camp in San Antonio, Texas with the U.S. Air Force; and

WHEREAS, While on active duty, Michael J. Grogan spent ten years stationed at Griffiss Air Force Base (AFB), Rome, New York; during his tour at Griffiss AFB, he was assigned to the 416 Organizational Maintenance Squadron (OMS) to maintain B-52's; and

WHEREAS, He was later selected in 1985 to represent Griffiss AFB as their Crew Chief to compete in the Strategic Air Command (SAC) Weapons Load Competition; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, after ten years of active-duty service in the Air Force, Michael J. Grogan instead decided to pursue a civilian career; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, Michael J. Grogan affiliated with the U.S. Navy Reserves as a Seabee; he was assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 13; Detachment 13 Frankfort, New York; shortly after, he was assigned to Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 202, Groton, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, while assigned to CBMU 202, he was promoted to the

rank of Chief Petty Officer; after his promotion, he was assigned as the Officer in Charge (MC) of a detachment of Seabees in Newport, Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, he was mobilized with the New York Naval Militia in support of the World Trade Center Attack; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, the Naval Construction Force had a force realignment which combined all CBMU 202 personnel to now be reassigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 27; while assigned to NMCB 27, Michael J. Grogan maintained his position as OIC at Newport, Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, Michael J. Grogan was mobilized with NMCB 5, an active-duty battalion in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; while in Iraq, he earned his Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist Badge and was awarded the U.S. Army Commendation Medal for his duties while supporting the U.S. Special Operations Forces; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return in 2006, Michael J. Grogan was promoted to his current rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer and was reassigned to the 7th Naval Construction Regiment, Newport, Rhode Island as the Current Operations Chief; and

WHEREAS, Senior Chief Michael J. Grogan is a qualified Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist, Senior Aircraft Maintenance Specialist, and Master Crew Chief; he also holds a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airframe and Powerplant License; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous accolades, Senior Chief Michael J. Grogan has been given the following esteemed awards and medals: Army Commendation Medal; Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal; Air Force Commendation Medal; Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; USAF Outstanding Unit Award; USAF Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal WI "M"; Sea Service Deployment Ribbon; Navy and Marine Corp Overseas Service Ribbon; USAF Longevity Service Award; Air Force NCO PME Graduate Ribbon; USAF BMT Ribbon; USAF Small Arms Expert Ribbon; Navy Expert Rifleman Marksmanship Medal; Navy Expert Pistol Marksmanship Medal; New York Defense of Liberty Medal with the World Trade Center (WTC) device; and the New York Conspicuous Service Cross; and

WHEREAS, Always active in his community, Senior Chief Michael J. Grogan has been involved with the following veterans and community organizations: Commander Henry P. Smith Post #24; Chaplin Henry P. Smith Post #24; President Rome Veterans Council; Chaplin Rome Veterans Council; President Rome Memorial Day Association; and Chaplin Rome Memorial Day Association; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their

lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited their patriotism both at home and abroad, these men and women demonstrated their love for their country and merit forevermore, the highest respect of their 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 commend Senior Chief Michael J. Grogan upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Lake Delta Kiwanis on May 17, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Senior Chief Michael J. Grogan.