

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION paying tribute to Matthew Faulkner upon the occasion of his outstanding and remarkable recovery from a serious brain injury

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to the dedication and lives of those esteemed individuals who distinguished themselves through a remarkable life journey; and

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals of remarkable courage and strength of character who have succeeded in overcoming tragic circumstances; and

WHEREAS, It is also the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge outstanding individuals whose lives serve as an inspiration to their family and friends, and to the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to pay tribute to Matthew Faulkner upon the occasion of his outstanding and remarkable recovery from a serious brain injury; and

WHEREAS, In March 2009, Matthew Faulkner, a senior at West Seneca West High School, was involved in a serious automobile accident; he suffered brain swelling and bleeding and remained in a coma for nearly two months; and

WHEREAS, After 42 days in a coma, Matthew Faulkner awoke on Mother's Day and was able to wish his mother, "Happy Mother's Day"; and

WHEREAS, After 103 days in the hospital and rigorous physical therapy, Matthew walked out of the hospital twelve days before his high school graduation; he walked on the stage with his classmates and graduated from West Seneca West High School as an honors student, president of the National Honor Society, and editor-in-chief of the yearbook; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Faulkner went on to attend Canisius College, and studied Economics and Finance; he graduated from Canisius College in May 2013 after three years of study with a bachelor's degree in Economics and Finance; and

WHEREAS, During his college career, Matthew Faulkner was hired as a part-time employee, market analyst, with BidURenergy in Cheektowaga, New York; he is currently employed at BidURenergy on a full-time basis; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Matthew Faulkner proclaims himself "totally self-care and independent"; he plans to write a book about his experience after waking up from the coma entitled SECOND LIFE; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his outstanding and remarkable recovery from a serious brain injury, Matthew Faulkner has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor, and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive courage, dedication and perseverance shown by an individual which Matthew Faulkner has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals whose lives and accomplishments of remarkable achievement are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to Matthew Faulkner upon the occasion of his outstanding and remarkable recovery from a serious brain injury; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Matthew Faulkner.