

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY BUFFALO, N.Y., SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 A.D.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY**, That at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**WHEREAS**, Brian Castner lives in the Town of Grand Island with his wife Jessica and their children; and

**WHEREAS**, Brian Castner graduated from St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute in 1995, and earned an engineering degree from Marquette University; and

**WHEREAS**, Brian Castner entered the United States Air Force after graduating college and became a bomb technician after completing Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) school in 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Brian Castner completed three tours of duty in the Middle East as an officer in the Air Force, two of them leading an EOD unit in Iraq; and

**WHEREAS**, Brian Castner earned a Bronze Star in 2006 for his service to his country; and

**WHEREAS**, Brian Castner consulted as an independent civilian contractor, training military EOD Units on tactical bomb-disposal procedures prior to their deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS**, Brian Castner has authored "The Long Walk: A Story of War and the Life That Follows", the story of an outward struggle to survive the urban combat of modern war, and the inward journey to find the new person that emerges after undertaking such a task, which was published from Random House/Doubleday on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and honor Brian Castner for his service to the people of the United States of America, and congratulate him on the publication of his book, "The Long Walk: A Story of War and the Life That Follows".

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**Kevin R. Hardwick**  
Erie County Legislator - 4<sup>th</sup> District

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**Robert M. Graber**  
Clerk of the Legislature