

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2013, 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 24th day of January, 2013, A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**WHEREAS**, *Norman R. McCombs is a lifelong resident of the Town of Tonawanda and the husband of Grace; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Norman R. McCombs earned his associates degree in electrical engineering at Erie Community College in 1958 and his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Buffalo in 1968; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Norman R. McCombs began his career at Fedders Corporation in 1956, and in 1963 moved to the research laboratories of Linde Division of Carbide and currently is a senior vice president of research and development at Amherst based AirSep Corporation; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Norman R. McCombs has been granted over 40 United States patents; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Norman R. McCombs has earned such honors are the University of Buffalo Engineering Alumni Association's Engineer of the Year Award (2007), the Distinguished Alumni Award (2006) from Erie Community College, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Intellectual Property Law Association (2005) and nominated to the National Inventors Hall of Fame (2004); and*

**WHEREAS** *Norman R. McCombs, on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, will be awarded the National Medal of Technology and Innovation from President Obama during a White House ceremony, for his invention of a portable oxygen system, to treat people suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, *the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to congratulate and honor Norman R. McCombs upon his acceptance of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, and for his commitment and dedication to research.*

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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 of Erie County**