

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 18TH, 2016 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 18th day of February, 2016 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

**WHEREAS**, The Erie County Legislature seeks to honor individuals and institutions of Erie County who enhance the quality of life in the community through their efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Clarence Citizens for Veterans is a volunteer 501c-3 not-for-profit organization formed in 2010, and whose mission is to honor and support our veterans and current military; and

**WHEREAS**, Clarence Citizens for Veterans hosts and participates in four to five fundraisers each year, and has raised thousands of dollars for both national and local veteran organizations and people in need of assistance over the past five years; and

**WHEREAS**, Clarence Citizens for Veterans started off raising money for the Wounded Warrior Project, Cup of Joe/Green Beans Coffee, and Homes for Our Troops, an organization that provides housing for post 9/11 handicapped veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, Clarence Citizens for Veterans in 2012, helped fund the building of a handicap accessible home in North Tonawanda for a honorable and local veteran, Mr. Paul Schaus, which became known as the "Paul Schaus Project," where volunteers from the organization also participated in the building of Mr. Schaus' home; and

**WHEREAS**, Clarence Citizens for Veterans shifted its national focus to local organizations in 2013, working closely with a multitude of local veteran organizations including the WNY Veterans Housing Coalition, WNY Heroes, Veterans One-stop Center of Western New York, Honor Flight Buffalo, the WNY Iraq/Afghanistan Memorial, and the Call of Duty Veterans Training Center located at the Response to Love Center in Buffalo; and

**WHEREAS**, Clarence Citizens for Veterans was instrumental in the establishment of the Staff Sergeant Mark A. Spence Memorial Scholarship at Clarence High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Clarence Citizens for Veterans will be honored on February 25, 2016 by the Clarence Chamber of Commerce for their commitment in serving our veterans and military personnel; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to recognize and acknowledge

**Clarence Citizens for Veterans**

for their outstanding service and dedication to helping all veterans, and for being named the Clarence Chamber of Commerce's 2016 Organization of the Year.

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**Edward A. Rath, III**  
*Erie County Legislator, 6<sup>th</sup> District*

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**Karen M. McCarthy**  
*Clerk of the Erie County Legislature*