

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
MAY 28, 2015

Charles J. Sabatino PhD "Charlie"
Erie County Legislature Citizen of the Month for May 2015!

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That the Legislature of Erie County, Located in the Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 28th Day of May, A.D. 2015, a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

WHEREAS, Charles J. Sabatino "Charlie"; husband of Carol, father of Joshua and Jeffrey, father-in-law of Kristine and grandfather of Sage and Aiden; passed away unexpectedly in his Amherst N.Y. home on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at the age of 72; and

WHEREAS, Charles J. Sabatino was a College Professor at Daemen College in Snyder N.Y. where he started the Department of Philosophy and Religion in 1977 and was instrumental in the creation of the Service Learning Program as well as the co-facilitator of a monthly Cancer Wellness Center support group on campus; and

WHEREAS, Charlie, a prolific researcher and writer, was the author of more than 30 published articles in professional Journals and was a frequent contributor to The Buffalo News "letters to the editor" column; and

WHEREAS, Charles J. Sabatino earned his Master's and Doctorate Degrees from the University of Chicago, he also was a graduate of Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, and earned a Bachelor's Degree from St. Mary's University in Baltimore and a Master's Degree in Theology from Berkeley Divinity School of Yale University in New Haven Conn.; and

WHEREAS, Charles J. Sabatino was an advocate for people who needed an advocate, he taught inmates at Attica Prison as part of the college program of the Consortium of the Niagara Frontier and also worked to rehabilitate sex offenders as well as being an advocate for those in the community mental health system; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 35 Charlie quit smoking and took up running, he was a fixture at local charitable 5k races in the community and completed over 40 marathons in his life including 13 Boston marathons, he did not finish his last Boston Marathon in 2013 because he was pulled off the race course at mile 23 as a result of the tragic terrorist explosions; and

WHEREAS, Charlie was regarded by many as “a one man institution”, his remarkable life and positive influence has enriched the lives of those he has met along life’s path; and

WHEREAS, as a tribute to Charlie Daemen College will display a framed photo of Charlie running in one of the many races he participated in, donated by the Daemen Faculty Emeritus Advisory Board, in the Lumsden Gymnasium Atrium and the Charlie Sabatino Study Abroad Scholarship has been established by his family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pause in its deliberations to honor and celebrate the Life of “Charlie”, Charles J. Sabatino PhD, and offer our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy to Charlie’s family, friends, students and colleagues; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable body names Charles J. Sabatino PhD, Erie County Citizen of the Month for May 2015, as a way to remember him and honor the many years of service and advocacy for community mental health efforts.

Karen M. McCarthy
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature

Hon. Thomas A. Loughran
Erie County Legislator, 5th District