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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Sergeant Major David Oliver upon the occasion of receiving the Bronze Star Medal for his meritorious service during Operation Enduring Freedom

WHEREAS, The courage and bravery of our military personnel since the United States Armed Forces commenced Operation Enduring Freedom will ensure our continued role as a Nation which embodies the ideals of democracy, and as a defender of liberty for people throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York who have served so valiantly and honorably during Operation Enduring Freedom deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Sergeant Major David Oliver upon the occasion of receiving the Bronze Star Medal for his meritorious service during Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Henrietta, New York, Sergeant Major David Oliver has served in the military for 24 years; he joined the United States Army after graduating from Penfield High School in 1985 and served four years and is now a member of the National Guard; and

WHEREAS, In September 2007, Sergeant Major David Oliver and a number of troops of the A2-108th Infantry, based out of the Geneseo Armory, left for a 12-month deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, his second tour of duty to the country; and

WHEREAS, While in Afghanistan, Sergeant Major David Oliver served as a liaison to the more than 80,000 members of the Afghan National Police, traveling the country, and working to help train and oversee the police force so they could provide security for the population; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Sergeant Major David Oliver was given the job of escorting and guarding several VIP guests when they visited Afghanistan,

including Rep. John Murtha and the ambassador to the European Union; and

WHEREAS, With Sergeant Major David Oliver throughout have been his parents, John and Linda Oliver, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, The banner of freedom will always wave over our beloved New York and all of America, the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; and

WHEREAS, The freedoms and security we cherish as Americans come at a very high price for those serving in the military in times of conflict; it is fitting and proper that we who are the beneficiaries of those who risk their lives, leaving their families behind, express our appreciation and eternal gratitude for their sacrifices and courageous acts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Sergeant Major David Oliver upon the occasion of receiving the Bronze Star Medal for his meritorious service during Operation Enduring Freedom and to wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sergeant Major David Oliver.