

## 2013-J3782

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Sam Steirman upon the occasion of his receiving the Community Hero Award from the Hickok Center for Brain Injury on March 23, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to join in celebration with those individuals who have received extraordinary honors from their community, highlighting their incredible accomplishments and life stories; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with long-standing tradition, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Sam Steirman as he receives the 2014 Community Hero Award from the Hickok Center for Brain Injury at their Fifth Annual "Brain Waves" benefit for survivors of brain injuries; and

WHEREAS, Sam Steirman is a 22-year veteran of the United States Army, having fought to preserve our way of life, defend innocent people and bring security to our world through tours of duty in Macedonia, Kosovo, Korea, Germany and Iraq; and

WHEREAS, While on active duty in Iraq as part of Operation New Dawn, Sam Steirman suffered a traumatic brain injury; and

WHEREAS, Since returning to the United States, Sam Steirman has graduated from CDS Monarch's "Warrior Salute" program, and as part of his transition to civilian life is enrolled at Monroe Community College studying social work; and

WHEREAS, After completing the "Warrior Salute" program, Sam Steirman immediately became involved as an advocate assisting new individuals entering the program, using his own experiences to help other returning veterans, and has also begun to volunteer with local youth; and

WHEREAS, Through his long military career and his ongoing work as a mentor and volunteer, Sam Steirman stands as a shining example of

putting service above self and the safety of his community above his own; and

WHEREAS, We honor Sam Steirman not only for his incredible story, but also as a representative of the many Americans who have given so much to our country, both as members of our military and as community volunteers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Sam Steirman upon the occasion of his receiving the Community Hero Award from the Hickok Center for Brain Injury on March 23, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sam Steirman.