

## 2013-J3901

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending United States Navy Captain Christopher Brunett upon the occasion of taking command of the USS New York, on February 14, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend United States Navy Captain Christopher Brunett upon the occasion of taking command of the USS New York; the change of command ceremony was held on Friday, February 14, 2014, in Jacksonville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Captain Christopher Brunett is the fourth commanding officer of the USS New York, an amphibious transport dock designed to transport and land troops in a war zone; and

WHEREAS, A native of Buffalo, New York, Captain Christopher Brunett attended Amherst High School, and graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Captain Christopher Brunett was designated a naval aviator in 1991; his previous assignments range from Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Eight, to commander of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25; and

WHEREAS, Immediately prior to assuming the commanding officer position, Captain Christopher Brunett served as the USS New York's executive officer for 18 months; and

WHEREAS, The USS New York is named after the State of New York; one of the most technologically advanced warships in the world, it is also a floating memorial as 7.5 tons of steel from the World Trade Center was forged directly into the ship's bow during its construction, fueling the fire of resolve that powers the USS New York's commanding officer and

crew to continue to stand watch over this great nation; and

WHEREAS, Captain Christopher Brunett and the USS New York will be deployed to the Middle East and the Mediterranean area for approximately eight months; and

WHEREAS, This courageous naval officer is proud to take command of the USS New York, and as a Buffalonian and a New Yorker, feels blessed to be part of its crew; he will enforce the ship's operational and warfare readiness; and

WHEREAS, In his free time, Captain Christopher Brunett enjoys spending time with his family, competing in triathlons, and taking runs with his dog; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who dedicate their lives to military service merit the commendation and applause of all citizens for their commitment to the preservation of American freedom; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that individuals who make tremendous sacrifices to ensure the security of our State and nation should be celebrated for their noble efforts on behalf of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend United States Navy Captain Christopher Brunett upon the occasion of taking command of the USS New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Captain Christopher Brunett.