

## 2013-J4223

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Bob Nevins upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Everyday Hero Award, to be celebrated at the Stakeholders' 2014 GOBY Awards Ceremony on April 23, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to call attention to the dedicated efforts of those individuals and organizations from across the State of New York who volunteer their time and energies in service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism is an essential element of all societies; it provides a way in which the human values of community, caring and serving can be sustained and strengthened; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Bob Nevins upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Everyday Hero Award, to be celebrated at the Stakeholders' 2014 GOBY Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at the GE Theatre at Proctors, Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, The GOBY Awards (Get on Board Volunteer Awards) recognize companies, organizations and individuals who have provided exemplary volunteer services in New York's Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Bob Nevins served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Vietnam War as a medical evacuation helicopter pilot for the 101st Airborne Division; he was wounded in action in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Retiring early from his career as a commercial airline captain, Bob Nevins devoted himself full-time to creating and maintaining the non-profit organization known as Saratoga WarHorse for returning veterans; and

WHEREAS, Saratoga WarHorse is an innovative program that offers veterans a three-day experience of working and connecting with horses which

has proven to be invaluable for those struggling to adjust to life after military service; and

WHEREAS, Provided at no cost to returning soldiers, Saratoga WarHorse is an enriching experience, highly effective in the treatment of post-traumatic stress; its unique and powerful approach has been described by veterans as "life-changing beyond words"; and

WHEREAS, Volunteerism promotes family and community solidarity; most importantly, people who give of their time in civic and charitable endeavors inspire others to the call of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the well-being and vitality of their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to excellence certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Bob Nevins upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Everyday Hero Award; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bob Nevins.