

## 2013-J4322

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing April 9, 2014, as Yellow Ribbon Day

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in honoring its brave men and women in the military; and

WHEREAS, The dedication and sacrifices of our military personnel ensure our continued role as a nation which embodies the ideals of democracy and which defends liberties for others throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, April 9, 2014 is Yellow Ribbon Day, and many will distribute yellow ribbons around the State to heighten awareness and support of our military, and to promote unity and respect for those brave men and women who protect our freedom; and

WHEREAS, It was on April 9, 2004 that Matt Maupin, the first American Prisoner of War in the Iraq War was captured; and

WHEREAS, American former Prisoners of War are heroes whose service to our country will never be forgotten; these brave men and women fought for their country and endured cruelties and deprivation as they helped to protect our nation, and to liberate millions from the threats of tyranny and terror, advancing the cause of freedom worldwide; 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 serve their country and must recognize that no greater debt than that which is owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; and

WHEREAS, The freedom and security we cherish as Americans comes at a very high price for those serving in our 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 heartfelt appreciation and eternal gratitude for their sacrifices and courageous acts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize April 9, 2014 as Yellow Ribbon Day in the State of New York; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Carol Hotaling, organizer of Yellow Ribbon Day in Saratoga County.