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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the retirement of Michael J. Grogan,
Senior Chief Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist, United States Navy

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the retirement of Michael J. Grogan, Senior Chief Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist, United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. Grogan was born in Albany, New York; he graduated from Colonie Central High School in 1980 and ten days later, he was attending Boot Camp in San Antonio, Texas with the United States Air Force; while on active duty, he spent ten years stationed at Griffiss Air Force Base (AFB), Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, During his tour at Griffiss AFB, Michael Grogan was assigned to the 416 Organizational Maintenance Squadron (OMS) to maintain B-52's; during his tenure at Griffiss, he was selected in 1985 to represent Griffiss AFB, as their Crew Chief to compete in the Strategic Air Command (SAC) Weapons Load Competition; in 1990 after ten years of active duty service in the United States Air Force, he decided to pursue a civilian career; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, after missing the comraderie of the military, Michael Grogan became affiliated with the United States Navy Reserves as a Seabee; he was assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 13, Detachment 13 of Frankfort, New York, which was decommissioned shortly after his assignment; he was then assigned to Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit (CBMU) 202 in Groton, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, while assigned to CBMU 202, Michael Grogan was

promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer; after his promotion, he was assigned as the Officer in Charge (OIC) of a detachment of Seabees in Newport, Rhode Island; in 2001 he was mobilized with the New York Naval Militia in support of World Trade Center Attack; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, the Naval Construction Force had a force realignment which combined all CBMU 202 personnel to now be reassigned to NMCB 27; while assigned to NMCB 27, Michael Grogan maintained his position as OIC at Newport, Rhode Island; in 2005, he was mobilized with NMCB 5, an active duty battalion in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, While in Iraq, Michael Grogan earned his Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist title and was awarded the U.S. Army Commendation Medal for his duties while supporting the U.S. Army Special Operations Force; upon his return in 2006, he was promoted to his current rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer and was reassigned to the 7th Naval Construction Regiment, Newport, Rhode Island, as the Current Operations Chief; and

WHEREAS, Senior Chief Grogan is a qualified Seabee Combat Warfare Specialist, Senior Aircraft Maintenance Specialist, and Master Crew Chief; he also holds the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airframe and Powerplant License and his personal awards include: the Navy Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, along with various unit and campaign awards; and

WHEREAS, As a civilian, Michael Grogan is employed at Revere Copper Products, Inc.; he is a Maintenance Planner/Scheduler and supervisor; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Lee, New York, Michael Grogan was married to the late Brenda M. Grogan of Rome; he has three children, Jacqui, Whitney, and Michael, as well as three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demon-

strated by over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now,
therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to
honor the retirement of Michael J. Grogan, Senior Chief Seabee Combat
Warfare Specialist, United States Navy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-
smitted to Michael J. Grogan, Senior Chief Seabee Combat Warfare
Specialist, United States Navy.