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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Lieutenant Colonel Ian S. Wallace upon the occasion of his retirement after 22 years of dedicated service to the United States Marine Corps

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize those remarkable individuals who honorably and courageously serve their country in order to protect the life and liberty of our citizens, and whose military service, professional lives, and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of this great 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 Lieutenant Colonel Ian S. Wallace upon the occasion of his retirement after 22 years of dedicated service to the United States Marine Corps to be celebrated at a Change of Command and Retirement Ceremony on Saturday, June 6, 2015, at the Stewart Air National Guard Base, Newburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, A native of Leesburg, Virginia, Ian S. Wallace received an ROTC scholarship, and consequently, he studied Computer Design Engineering at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, After graduating, Ian S. Wallace was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in May of 1993, and selected for aviation training while completing The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia; in January of 1994, he reported to Naval Air Training Command (NATC), Pensacola, Florida, to begin flight training; and

WHEREAS, In May of 1996, First Lieutenant Ian S. Wallace was designated a Naval Aviator, and reported to Marine Aircraft Group 14, 2nd Marine Air Wing (MAW), MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina, for KC-130 training at Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Training Squadron (VMGRT) 253; and

WHEREAS, In July of 1997, First Lieutenant Ian S. Wallace reported to VMGR-252 at MCAS Cherry Point, where he served as Adjutant, Airframes Officer-In-Charge (OIC), Quality Assurance OIC, and Assistant Maintenance Officer; and

WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Ian S. Wallace was deployed to Incirlik, Turkey, flying missions in support of Operation NORTHERN WATCH from April through May, and again from November through December of 1998; he then deployed to Italy, flying combat sorties in support of Operation ALLIED FORCE in 1999; and

WHEREAS, In May of 2000, Captain Ian S. Wallace reported to VMGR-152, MAG 36, 1st MAW, on MCAS Futenma, Okinawa, Japan, where he served as the Aviation Safety Officer, Aircrew Training Officer, and Assistant Operations Officer; in this capacity, he earned designations as a NATOPS Instructor, Weapons and Tactics Instructor, Night Systems Instructor, and Defensive Tactics Instructor; and

WHEREAS, Once again Captain Ian S. Wallace was sent to Turkey in support of Operation NORTHERN WATCH, from February through March 2002, and to the Philippines in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM from April through May, and in October of 2002; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return to the United States, Major Ian S. Wallace earned a master's degree in Military Science from the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, After graduating, Major Ian S. Wallace reported to Aviation Training Branch, Training and Education Command, Quantico, Virginia, where he held the position of Marine Corps Fixed-Wing Aviation Training Programs Manager from 2005-2007; and

WHEREAS, In July of 2007, Major Ian S. Wallace reported back to VMGR-152, where he served as the Operations Officer, the KC-130J Fleet Intro-

duction Team OIC, and the Executive Officer; during his tenure, he flew missions in support of Operation SEA ANGEL II, providing disaster relief for Bangladesh after Cyclone Sidr, and led the KC-130 Detachment

deployed for Operation CARING RESPONSE, providing disaster relief for Myanmar after Cyclone Nargis; and

WHEREAS, Major Ian S. Wallace reported to Marine Corps Bases Japan in September of 2008 to serve as the Deputy Director for the Futenma Replacement Facility Program; in this position, he worked through political negotiations and procedures with the United States and Japanese Government agencies to manage Master Planning and facilities development at Camp Schwab in accordance with the 2004 US-Japan Defense Policy Review Initiative; and

WHEREAS, In June 2010, Lieutenant Colonel Ian S. Wallace reported to Marine Corps Air Station Futenma where he held the title of both Station Executive Officer and Commanding Officer, focusing on providing fully operational capable installation facilities and services to meet mission requirements of III MEF, Pacific Command and United Nations Command; and

WHEREAS, In response to the 2011 Tohoku earthquake, tsunami and subsequent nuclear disaster in northern Japan, Lieutenant Colonel Ian S.

Wallace led installation safe haven operations, as well as flew humanitarian assistance missions around the radiation hazard zone; and

WHEREAS, In March of 2013, Lieutenant Colonel Ian S. Wallace and his family re-located to Newburgh, New York; on May 4, 2013, he took command of Marine Aircraft Group 49 Detachment B, a position from which he will officially retire on June 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Ian S. Wallace has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for his dedicated service to the Marine Corps, including four Meritorious Service Medals, Strike/Flight Air Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, the former Karen Boner, and their daughter, Brianna, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Lieutenant Colonel Ian S. Wallace upon the occasion of his

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retirement after 22 years of dedicated service to the United States Marine Corps; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lieutenant Colonel Ian S. Wallace.