

RESOLUTION No. 2021-

RELATIVE TO HONORING DAVID BELLAVIA

By:

Mayor Robert M. Restaino
Council Chairman Kenny Tompkins
Council Member William Kennedy
Council Member Frank Soda
Council Member John Spanbauer
Council Member Christopher Voccio

WHEREAS, David Bellavia enlisted in the United States Army in July of 1999 and was deployed to Iraq after serving in Kosovo; and

WHEREAS, on November 10th, 2004, while serving as Squad Leader, Staff Sergeant Bellavia distinguished himself with intrepid acts of gallantry above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bellavia's Platoon became trapped in a room by intense enemy fire. Bellavia retrieved an automatic weapon and engaged the insurgents with enemy rounds impacting all around him; Staff Sergeant Bellavia fired at the enemy position in a manner which allowed his squad to escape; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bellavia observed an insurgent loading a rocket propelled grenade to launch at this platoon, Bellavia assaulted the enemy position; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bellavia, acting on instinct to save his Platoon from imminent threat, he cleared the entire house, killing four insurgents and badly wounding a fifth; and

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WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bellavia was awarded the Silver Star for his bravery in November of 2004 and in June 2009 it was revealed that the Silver Star would be upgraded to the Medal of Honor, making Staff Sergeant Bellavia the first, and currently only living recipient of the Medal of Honor for service during the Iraq war.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council wish to Honor Staff Sergeant David Bellavia for his selfless acts of bravery and courage and thank him for his dedication to our country and its citizens.

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