

WHEREAS: Western New York resident Jason Dunham enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at the age of 17; and

WHEREAS: Corporal Jason Dunham was chosen to become a squad leader shortly after he was assigned to Kilo Company, Third Battalion, Seventh Marine Regiment in September 2003; and

WHEREAS: Corporal Dunham extended his enlistment in 2004 to remain with his squad in Iraq throughout its scheduled tour in the war zone; and

WHEREAS: on April 14, 2004, at the age of 22, Corporal Dunham was leading a 14-man foot patrol in Karabilah, Iraq when he was attacked by an insurgent; and

WHEREAS: Corporal Dunham engaged the attacker in hand-to-hand combat until the insurgent pulled out a grenade; and

WHEREAS: Corporal Dunham shouted a warning to his men, pulled off his Kevlar-lined helmet and placed it over the grenade, then covered the grenade and helmet with his body; and

WHEREAS: Corporal Dunham saved the lives of his men that day; and

WHEREAS: Corporal Dunham paid the ultimate sacrifice eight days later, dying of his injuries at Bethesda Naval Medical Center; and

WHEREAS: President George Bush has announced his intention to bestow the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award, posthumously on Corporal Jason Dunham; and

WHEREAS: Corporal Jason Dunham will be only the second person awarded the Medal of Honor for service during the War in Iraq.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

Sec. 1. The Town Board of the Town of Sweden hereby proclaims the week of November 20 through November 26, 2006 as "Corporal Jason Dunham Week" in the Town of Sweden and calls upon all citizens and civic organizations to pause and remember the heroism and valor exhibited by Corporal Jason Dunham.

Sec. 2. That copies of this Proclamation shall hang in all Town of Sweden buildings during the week of November 20 through November 26, 2006.

Sec. 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION for adoption of this resolution by Councilperson Connors  
Seconded by Councilperson Windus-Cook

Discussion:

VOTE BY ROLL CALL AND RECORD:

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| Councilman Carges        | Aye |
| Councilwoman Connors     | Aye |
| Councilman Ferris        | Aye |
| Councilwoman Windus-Cook | Aye |
| Supervisor Lester        | Aye |



Corporal Jason Dunham

Adopted –November 14, 2006