

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Pastor Joseph Wesson Axtell, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Wesson Axtell of Deposit, New York, died on October 29, 2012, at the age of 54; and

WHEREAS, Born in Hancock, New York, on March 25, 1958, Joseph Wesson Axtell graduated from Deposit High School in 1976; he continued his education and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Pastoral Ministries from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, as well as a Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling from the Masters College in Santa Clarita, California; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Wesson Axtell married Christel Ripley on July 7, 1979, and spent 33 wonderful years together; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Joseph Wesson Axtell faithfully served for 31 1/2 years as leader of Sherman Bible Chapel; his greatest passion in life was His Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his beloved wife, Christel, Pastor Joseph Wesson Axtell is survived by his five children, Rachel, Andrew, Josh, Caylie, and Ben; three grandchildren, Josiah, Levi, and Alexis; one sister and three brothers, Elizabeth, Warren, Raymond, and Ronnie; and numerous aunt and uncles, as well as many nieces, nephews, and other family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Joseph Wesson Axtell leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Pastor Joseph Wesson Axtell, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Pastor Joseph Wesson Axtell.