

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Richard M. Giberson, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those individuals whose character and achievements best exemplify the ideals and values cherished by this great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to mourn the death of Richard M. Giberson who passed away on Saturday, April 6, 2013; he was a man devoted to serving his community and his family; and

WHEREAS, Richard M. Giberson was born in Olean, New York, on August 18, 1964, to James and Carol Giberson; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Hinsdale High School in 1982, Richard M. Giberson volunteered to serve his country by joining the United States Army; he served on active duty until 1985, and in the United States Army Reserve until 1988; and

WHEREAS, After working for the Hinsdale Central School and the Hinsdale Post Office, Richard M. Giberson took on a full-time role in 1989, as a rural route carrier at the Cuba Post Office; and

WHEREAS, Demonstrating a deep commitment to his community, Richard M. Giberson was a life member of the Hinsdale Maplehurst - Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Department and served as an Assistant Chief; he was a member of the Hinsdale American Legion Norton Chambers Post 1434, and previously served as a member of the Hinsdale Youth Commission; and

WHEREAS, Richard M. Giberson played a vital role in many community projects, including a project to make improvements at Hinsdale Memorial Park; he also was a leader and driving force in the establishment and continued success of the Don Kent Memorial Horse Pull and in the continued development of the Ischua Falling Leaves Regatta; and

WHEREAS, This year's horse pull is named the Don Kent and Rich "Pork" Giberson Memorial Horse Pull in honor of Richard M. Giberson; Hinsdale American Legion Post 1434 sponsors the horse pull which features some of the top horse pulling teams throughout the Northeast; proceeds from the event benefit veterans services including the LEEK Foundation - Wounded Warriors and the Cattaraugus - Allegany Counties Joint Veterans Van Service; and

WHEREAS, An avid outdoorsman, Richard M. Giberson participated in hunting, fishing and sports including softball, golf and darts; and

WHEREAS, Richard M. Giberson was involved for more than 10 years with the Hinsdale Adult Softball Tournament, and he took great delight in being active with Hinsdale Youth Sports; he played an important role in the youth baseball and football teams, and he worked on all the fields and field buildings; and

WHEREAS, This devoted family man is survived by his wife, Darcy; they shared 24 years of marriage; together Richard and Darcy have raised a son, Cody, and a daughter, Shelby; and

WHEREAS, Richard M. Giberson was a terrific husband, father and friend - a man known for his smile, for his laughter, and for his dedication to the community; he will be missed greatly; and

WHEREAS, Observing that special recognition should be given to those who work so assiduously for the betterment of their communities and for their profound commitment to their fellow citizens in this great Empire State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize and honor the contributions of Richard M. Giberson, and to express deepest condolences to his family and friends; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Richard M. Giberson.

