

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the untimely death of Military Security Contractor Joseph Morabito of Haines Falls, New York, and paying tribute to his courageous actions

WHEREAS, The courage and bravery of our military personnel since the United States Armed Forces commenced Operation Iraqi Freedom will ensure our continued role as a Nation which embodies the ideals of democracy, and as a defender of liberty for people throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably during Operation Enduring Freedom, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is with feelings of deepest regret that this Legislative Body mourns the untimely death of Military Security Contractor Joseph Morabito of Haines Falls, in Greene County, New York, and pays tribute to his courageous actions; he died in Afghanistan while conducting training on Saturday, June 8, 2013; and

WHEREAS, In the 1970s, 54 year-old Joseph Morabito enlisted in the United States Navy; he then spent some time working in law enforcement before working for the United States Military as a private security contractor working as part of a group teaching civilians in Iraq and Afghanistan how to protect and serve their country as police officers; he would have turned 55 years-old on Monday, June 10th; and

WHEREAS, The banner of freedom will always wave over our beloved New York and all of America, the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; and

WHEREAS, The freedoms and security we cherish as Americans come at a very high price for those serving in the military in times of conflict; it is fitting and proper that we who are the beneficiaries of those who risk their lives, leaving their families behind, express our appreciation and eternal gratitude for their sacrifices and courageous acts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the untimely death of Military Security Contractor Joseph Morabito of Haines Falls, New York, and to pay tribute to his courageous actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Andrea Morabito, wife of Joseph Morabito.