LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Mary Ellen Mercincavage, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her 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, Mary Ellen Mercincavage of Binghamton, New York, died on Tuesday, June 19, 2012, at the age of 49; and

WHEREAS, Her maternal grace influenced many lives; whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, Mary Ellen Mercincavage dwelt on these virtues and nurtured their growth in everyone around her; selfless to the very end, this remarkable woman built a home where love reigned; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her loving husband of 26 years, David Mercincavage, Mary Ellen Mercincavage is survived by seven children, Christopher Michael Mercincavage, Amy Jane (Jonas) Erickson, Peter William Mercincavage, Nathaniel David Mercincavage, Isaac Kinkade Mercincavage, Tacarra Keisha Williams, and Bethany Joy Hughes; one expected grandchild; her parents, Harold and Ethel Lewis; four brothers, Harold III (June) Lewis, Russell (Joann) Lewis, Philip Lewis, and Daniel (Lillnette) Lewis; and one sister, Susan (John) Krause; as well as many nieces and nephews, all of whom were always welcome in Mary's home; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Mary Ellen Mercincavage, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Mary Ellen Mercincavage.