

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the untimely death of Sergeant Shaina Schmigel of Medina, New York, and honoring her distinguished record as a member of the United States Army

WHEREAS, The courage and bravery of our military personnel 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, It is with feelings of deepest regret that this Legislative Body mourns the untimely death of Sergeant Shaina Schmigel of Medina, New York, and honors her distinguished record as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Shaina Schmigel, a paratrooper at Fort Bragg with the 82nd Airborne Division died during a night-time training drill on May 30, 2014, at the age of 21; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Shaina Schmigel was born in Batavia, New York, and was a 2010 graduate of Medina High School where she was very involved in school activities including track, cheerleading and winterguard; she enlisted in the United States Army after graduation; and

WHEREAS, She began her military career as a Military Intelligence Analyst and, upon completion of her Military Intelligence training, Sergeant Shaina Schmigel attended the United States Army Airborne School, becoming a proud member of the Airborne community; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Shaina Schmigel's first assignment was to Bravo Company, 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion where she served as an Intelligence Analyst and a Signal Intelligence Analyst; she deployed to Iraq in the summer of 2011 in support of Operation New Dawn; and

WHEREAS, Upon return from Iraq Sergeant Shaina Schmigel was assigned to HHC, 37th Engineer Battalion, where she participated in one rotation to the Joint Readiness Training Center and several Brigade and Battalion level training exercises; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Shaina Schmigel served with distinction in her four years of military service; her awards and decorations include the Army Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, and the Parachutist Badge; and

WHEREAS, Beloved by her community, Sergeant Shaina Schmigel will be remembered for her dedication to her family, her fearlessness and determination, and her happy nature; she is survived by her parents Karie Schmigel and Kim (Debbie) Dexter; her sister, Sheniqua Samol; brother, Matthew Scroger; half-sisters, Amanda, Kaycee and Samantha Dexter; maternal grandparents, Donald K. (Susan) Schmigel Sr.; maternal great-grandmother, Betty Quackenbush; paternal great-grandmother Nora Steele; uncle, Donald K. (Jennifer Zynda) Schmigel Jr.; and many dear friends along with her military family in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which our men and women served this country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who give of their lives for their beloved Nation; 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 Sergeant Shaina Schmigel, and to honor her

distinguished record as a member of the United States Army; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Sergeant Shaina Schmigel.