

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Dr. John C. Maerz, Jr., 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, Dr. John C. Maerz, Jr. of Vestal, New York, died on Saturday, November 24, 2012, at the age of 62; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John C. Maerz, Jr. was born on December 16, 1949, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; after serving as a corpsman in the United States Army, he graduated from the University of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, Dr. John C. Maerz, Jr. graduated from Thomas Jefferson Medical University in Philadelphia and joined his first pediatric practice in Utica in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John C. Maerz, Jr. moved to Binghamton, New York, in 1989 to join a group practice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John C. Maerz, Jr. distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John C. Maerz, Jr.'s commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, The private practice of Dr. John C. Maerz, Jr., Footprints Pediatrics in Johnson City, began in 2001, and would not have been successful without the love, support and patience of his caring and dedicated staff; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John C. Maerz, Jr.'s 30-year practice of pediatric medicine touched the lives of countless children and their parents; stories about Dr. Maerz emphasize his genuine kindness, steadfast dedication to helping children and their parents, his love for animals and his unique and wonderful sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John C. Maerz, Jr. was especially proud of his children and grandchildren, and was named "Paw-Paw" by his oldest grandson, Jack; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, Mildred (Midge) and Dr. John C. Maerz, Sr.; and his brother-in-law, Bob Marchese, Dr. John C. Maerz, Jr. is survived by his wife, Debbie; stepmother, Barbara; siblings, Sandi, Mark (Norma), Drew (Cindy), Pam (Kelly), Kevin (Shannon) and Kim; children, John, Jennifer, Jacqui, James and Margeaux; grandsons, Jack, Robert, Garrett, their mother Lori; and granddaughter, Isabella; as well as many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Dr. John C. Maerz, Jr. 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 Dr. John C. Maerz, Jr., 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 Dr. John C. Maerz, Jr.