LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Herbert Otto Schulze, retired Lieutenant Colonel, United States Air Force and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those outstanding individuals who have gone before us, and who distinguished themselves in their professional and personal lives through their unwavering passion, dedication and substantial contributions to their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is moved to mourn the death of Herbert Otto Schulze, retired Lieutenant Colonel, United States Air Force, in March of 2013, and to remember his lifetime of achievements; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Herbert Otto Schulze was raised in Syracuse, New York; he joined the United States Army Air Corps as a flying cadet in 1939, and was appointed to the position of 2nd Lieutenant in the Army-Air Corps; and

WHEREAS, During his 22 years of dedicated military service, Lt. Col. Herbert Otto Schulze completed various assignments in the United States, England, Germany, and Japan; and

WHEREAS, As a squadron commander and deputy group commander in a B-17 bomber group during World War II, Lt. Col. Herbert Otto Schulze was cited for outstanding leadership in 29 combat missions; he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters; and

WHEREAS, In 1948, Lt. Col. Herbert Otto Schulze was assigned Inspector General of the Berlin Airlift at Rhein-Main Air Force Base, until the mission was successfully accomplished; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement from the United States Air Force in 1961, Lt. Col. Herbert Otto Schulze graduated from Syracuse University and entered the teaching profession; he taught German and American History for the North Syracuse School District until 1979 when he retired from teaching; and

WHEREAS, Among his many activities and accomplishments, Lt. Col. Herbert Otto Schulze played in the first violin section of the Onondaga Symphony Orchestra, was a lifetime member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, and was actively involved in local government; and

WHEREAS, As a leader within the community, Lt. Col. Herbert Otto Schulze always remained true to his principles and vocal in the preservation of the Constitution, demonstrating intelligence, passion and outstanding character; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Herbert Otto Schulze was a respected leader and mentor within the Central New York community whose positive attributes and contributions will have a long-lasting impact on society; he also leaves behind a legacy of pride and patriotism to his driving force in life, his family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Herbert Otto Schulze, retired Lieutenant Colonel, United States Air Force and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the daughters of Lt. Col. Herbert Otto Schulze, Karin Schulze and Patricia Zangari.