

BY: Senator JACOBS

MOURNING the death of Jayne H. Cooley, selfless veteran, experienced nurse and devoted member of her community

WHEREAS, It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Jayne H. Cooley, noting the significance of her purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Jayne H. Cooley of Buffalo, New York, died on Friday, October 19, 2018, at the age of 67; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Buffalo, Jayne Helen Cooley graduated from Holy Angels Academy in 1969, and the Buffalo General Hospital School of Nursing in 1972; she served as a Surgical Nurse for 11 years and performed private medical services for over 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Jayne H. Cooley proudly served her country as a member of the United States Army for more than three decades; she was deployed to the Gulf War for Operation Desert Storm and earned the rank of Full Bird Colonel, before her honorable discharge in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Since 2012, Jayne H. Cooley held the title of Regional Hospital Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for all the hospitals in the eight counties of Western New York; and

WHEREAS, Jayne H. Cooley also worked as a contractor, fulfilling her duties through a grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services for supporting hospital emergency preparedness and emergency response; in this capacity, she worked closely with state and county health departments, regional and statewide hospital associations, and hospitals across the region; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her meritorious life, Jayne H. Cooley pursued a lifelong mission to help others; she was an exceptional soldier, a compassionate caregiver and an experienced nurse who truly loved her country and genuinely cared for mankind as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by her parents, Jayne H. Cooley is survived by her sister, Barbara; three brothers, Joseph E. (Rosemary), Paul J. (Sandy) and Kevin P. (Leslie); 10 nieces and nephews, and 12 great-nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Jayne H. Cooley 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 Jayne H. Cooley, selfless veteran, experienced nurse 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 Jayne H. Cooley.