

Senate Resolution No. 1955

BY: Senator JACOBS

MOURNING the untimely death of Christopher M. Ignatowski, family man, and beloved teacher and coach for Lake Shore Central School District in Angola, New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor the life and accomplishments of individuals whose enduring commitment and dedication significantly enhanced the quality of education in their community; and

WHEREAS, With deep regret this Legislative Body records the untimely death of Christopher M. Ignatowski, family man, and beloved teacher and coach for Lake Shore Central School District in Angola, New York, on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at the age of 48; and

WHEREAS, Christopher M. Ignatowski was born to Gerry and the late Honorata Ignatowski on February 19, 1971, in Buffalo, New York; at the age of 13, he and his family moved to Attica, New York, where he played football and volleyball at Attica High School; after graduating, he continued to play volleyball at both Genesee Community College and SUNY Cortland; and

WHEREAS, A resident of East Aurora, New York, Christopher M. Ignatowski was a middle school physical education teacher for Lake Shore Central School District, where he also served as a beloved tennis, swimming, volleyball, and track and field coach; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his short, yet distinguished career as an educator, Christopher M. Ignatowski showed a clear understanding of the breadth of his role in shaping the futures of the children entrusted to his care and instruction; he dedicated his life to nurturing our most precious resource, our youth; and

WHEREAS, A kind and generous man who was a friend to all, Christopher M. Ignatowski took his position of both teacher and coach very seriously; with a deep passion and unrelenting commitment, he pushed everyone to be better; and

WHEREAS, Chris Ignatowski is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, the former Lori Bush; one daughter, Alyssa; one son, Cameron; one sister, Janet (John); one nephew, Nick; and one niece, Jenna; as well as a legion of students and colleagues, all of whom are proud to have been part of his life and rejoice in his devotion and his many accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his exemplary career, Christopher M. Ignatowski touched the lives of thousands of young people, their parents, and the Angola community he served; he leaves a legacy of learning and commitment which will long endure; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body is moved to mourn the untimely death of Christopher M.

Ignatowski, family man, and beloved teacher and coach for Lake Shore Central School District in Angola, New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the memory of Christopher M. Ignatowski, to celebrate his life, and to acknowledge the significance of his contributions to education in Angola and New York State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Christopher M. Ignatowski.