

BY: Senator HELMING

HONORING Charles E. Sexton posthumously upon the occasion of the renaming of North Ponds Park in Webster, New York, in recognition of his remarkable life

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Charles E. Sexton posthumously upon the occasion of the renaming of North Ponds Park in Webster, New York, in recognition of his remarkable life; and

WHEREAS, North Ponds Park, located at 750 Holt Road in Webster, New York, will be renamed the Charles E. Sexton Memorial Park in honor of the sustained and successful efforts of this beloved Recreation Director and his indelible legacy; and

WHEREAS, Charles E. Sexton began his illustrious career as the first Recreation Director in the Town of Webster in 1962; he served in that esteemed role until 1996, retiring after 34 years of distinguished public service; and

WHEREAS, A proud United States Army Veteran, Charles E. Sexton was the first African American to hold the position of Recreation Director in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Charles E. Sexton provided vital programs to the residents of Webster, and was instrumental in the creation of the Town's first summer youth camps as well as programs for senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Charles E. Sexton served on numerous Boards of Directors, and ushered at Holy Trinity Church for more than 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Charles E. Sexton died on Friday, June 18, 2021, at the age of 89; predeceased by his wife, Deborah, and his daughter, Tanya, he is survived by his sons, Adam (Michelle) and Jared; a grandson, Malcolm; and two sisters, Maxine and Cheryl; as well as many nieces, nephews and friends; and

WHEREAS, Charles E. Sexton was renowned as a forward thinking, creative and proud community member; today's current recreation programs are a testament to this extraordinary man and his vision for a community recreation program; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of

compassion, Charles E. Sexton leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all who were privileged to have known and loved such an amazing man; his insight and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Charles E. Sexton posthumously upon the occasion of the renaming of North Ponds Park in Webster, New York, in recognition of his remarkable life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Charles E. Sexton.