

Senate Resolution No. 2498

BY: Senator COONEY

MOURNING the untimely death of James E. Sauer, renowned pilot, loving husband and father, and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, There are certain outstanding members of our community who, through their selfless commitment and dedication, have served to better the quality of life in our community and have had a measurable positive impact on the lives of its residents; James E. Sauer was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of James E. Sauer, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, James E. Sauer of Churchville, New York, died suddenly on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, Born to Eugene and Joyce (Lindsay) Sauer on July 12, 1961, James E. Sauer began his immense passion for flying at just 13 years old as a member of the Civil Air Patrol; he went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in Organizational Management from Roberts Wesleyan College; and

WHEREAS, A United States Army veteran and former police officer, James E. Sauer spent more than four decades serving others, beginning in 1979 as a soldier; and

WHEREAS, James E. Sauer was a pilot for the New York State Army National Guard for 40 years, retiring in 2020 after serving several tours overseas including Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Restore Hope, Desert Storm and others; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to serving his community, James E. Sauer gave tirelessly of his time and energies as a Rochester Police Officer from 1993 to 2001, before serving the Holley Police Department; he later spent 17 years as a distinguished New York State Police Pilot, retiring in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he was a volunteer firefighter and a pilot with Bill Law Aviation and American Eagle; and

WHEREAS, After retiring from the New York State Police and the New York State Army National Guard, James E. Sauer started a career with Mercy Flight; and

WHEREAS, A man of indomitable faith and dedication, James E. Sauer was a dedicated member of Open Door Baptist Church where he served through ministry; and

WHEREAS, While he was passionate about many things, above all his greatest passion was being a father to his two children, and a husband

to his loving wife of 39 years, Marie; he also enjoyed farming and was always eager to try new adventures and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, James E. Sauer is survived by his wife, Marie (Ogden) Sauer; his son, Joshua (Julie) Sauer; his daughter, Laura (Jeff) Ames; six grandchildren, McKaleigh, Kristiana, Jacob, Olivia, Gavin and Grace; his siblings, Karen (Herman) Schultz, Susan (James) Flagg, Shirley (Robert) Vetere and Gerry (Pamela) Sauer; several nieces and nephews; and countless friends and coworkers; and

WHEREAS, James E. Sauer's infinite selflessness and benevolence will shine on through his family's vivid and happy memories; his insight and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, James E. Sauer 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; he will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the untimely death of James E. Sauer, and to extend its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

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