

Senate Resolution No. 163

BY: Senator ORTT

CELEBRATING the life and accomplishments of William R. Hilts, distinguished citizen, family man, and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of the loss of a generous and inspiring individual, who touched the lives of many; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this Legislative Body records the passing of William R. Hilts of Sanborn, New York, who died on Monday, December 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, William R. Hilts was a man of many passions and interests; he enjoyed spending time outdoors, whether it was hunting, fishing, watching birds, or camping throughout the Adirondacks, and wrote numerous articles about his adventures for various newspapers and magazines; and

WHEREAS, This avid outdoorsman loved to tell a good story around the campfire or at various sportsman club events, and was known for his delicious fish boils and wild game dinners; above all, he enjoyed spending time with his beloved family; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife, the former Sylvia C. Eggert, one brother, Irvin Hilts, Jr. and his sister-in-law, Marge, William R. Hilts is survived by his three sons, William D. (Sandra), Richard E. (Lynette), and David M. (Julie); one daughter, Susan; seven grandchildren, Kiel, Owen, Christian, Natalie Adelia, Marla (Kyle), Keith (Brandy), and Kim; and many other family members and friends, as well as fellow outdoors enthusiasts who will long cherish his zest for life; and

WHEREAS, William R. Hilts leaves behind a legacy of humor, generosity, positivity, and hard work that will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; he will be deeply missed and truly merits the tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the life and accomplishments of William R. Hilts, distinguished citizen, family man, and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of William R. Hilts.