BY: Senator AKSHAR

MOURNING the death of Kenneth L. Sisson, distinguished citizen, devoted member of his community and dedicated family man

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is with feelings of deepest regret that this Legislative Body mourns the passing of Kenneth L. Sisson of Binghamton, New York, who died on May 22, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1950, Kenneth "Kenn" L. Sisson graduated from Chenango Forks High School and Broome Community College; after completing his studies, he worked as a Systems Engineer for UHS, Columbia Mutual, EDS, and Hewlett-Packard; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Kenneth L. Sisson enthusiastically volunteered as an Emergency Medical Technician with various agencies for more than 30 years; he served on the EMS Council for the State of New York, as Medical Captain for Chenango Bridge Fire Company, and as a Board Member and Treasurer for Chenango Ambulance; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth L. Sisson was a softball coach for the City of Binghamton Parks and Recreation before becoming an umpire with the Binghamton Umpires Association; he was also an ice skating instructor at BCC with the Binghamton Figure Skating Club; and

WHEREAS, Outside of work, Kenn Sisson was a competent Toast Master, he was always ready with a story or a joke, quick to laugh, and slow to anger; like his mother, he shared a life-long love of gardening and cultivating favorite plants; and

WHEREAS, He was an avid runner and a member of the Triple Cities Running Club and enjoyed reading, hunting, hiking, fishing, camping, and wandering the countryside alone on his motorcycle, or in the car with his beloved wife; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, Matt and Betty; and his brother, Warren "Tony", Kenneth L. Sisson is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 49 years, Dorothy "Dee"; four children, Maria, Danielle (Shannon Potts), April, and Matthew (Kelly); seven grandchildren, Michael, Katie, Erika, Colin, Emerson, Peyton, and Ellowyn; two great-grandchildren Caleb and Evan; sister-in-law Carol; and his extended "family" at Chenango Bridge Fire Company, Chenango Ambulance and the Binghamton Umpires Association; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Kenneth L. Sisson leaves behind a legacy which will long

endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Kenneth L. Sisson, and to express 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 Kenneth L. Sisson.