

BY: Senator JACOBS

MOURNING the tragic and untimely death of
11-year-old Luca S. Calanni of Hamburg, New York

WHEREAS, It is with feelings of deepest regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Luca S. Calanni, an extraordinary little boy of indomitable faith and dedication whose short, yet purposeful life will long serve as a standard to which others might aspire; and

WHEREAS, The beloved son of Roger "Bodge" and Ashley (Buehler) Calanni, Luca S. Calanni died on Saturday, January 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, "In a world where you can be anything, be kind"; a quote Luca S. Calanni truly embodied with his sincere compassion for others and his unwavering kindness; and

WHEREAS, Luca S. Calanni, whose name means 'giver of light', was a fifth-grade student at Pinehurst Elementary School, where he was known for sitting next to the new kid and hanging out with the school nurse so she didn't have to eat lunch alone; and

WHEREAS, A talented athlete, Luca S. Calanni played on two soccer teams, the Frontier Lacrosse Team, and the Little Cagers Basketball Team; he also participated in local junior PGA golf; and

WHEREAS, Luca S. Calanni adored his older sister and doted on his two younger sisters, whom he played the Beatles song, "Here Comes the Sun," daily; and

WHEREAS, An avid sports fan, Luca S. Calanni loved the Buffalo Bills, Buffalo Sabres, New York Yankees and Ohio State University; his dream was to attend Ohio State and become a lawyer; he also hoped to start a Foundation to help those with fewer opportunities than him; and

WHEREAS, Wise beyond his 11 years on this earth, Luca S. Calanni truly inspired the lives of countless others with his ambition and his genuine passion for life; taken from this earth too soon, his legacy will live on forever in his family, friends, and the hundreds within his community who adored and admired his spirit and generosity; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the Luca S. Calanni Foundation created by his family, the Buffalo Bills lit New Era Stadium orange on Saturday, January 18, 2020, in loving memory of this sweet and remarkable little boy; and

WHEREAS, Luca S. Calanni is survived by his parents, Roger and Ashley Calanni; three sisters, Isabella, Talia and Frankie Calanni; grandparents, Roger and Kathy (LaMarca) Calanni and Luke and Janet (Clark) Buehler; aunts and uncles, Kelly Calanni, Jacob (Colleen Colkitt), Caitlin, and Wesley Buehler; as well as many cousins and family friends; and

WHEREAS, Luca S. Calanni brought so much joy to those around him and, throughout his young life, made such a positive impact; his memory will remain in the hearts of all those who had the honor of knowing him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the tragic and untimely death of 11-year-old Luca S. Calanni of Hamburg, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Luca S. Calanni.