

BY: Senator KENNEDY

MOURNING the death of Mark Joseph Schroeder,
family man, distinguished citizen and devoted member
of his community

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to mourn the death of Mark Joseph Schroeder, who passed away on Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at the age of 54; and

WHEREAS, Born on July 30, 1965, Mark Joseph Schroeder grew up in Orchard Park, New York, where he graduated from high school in 1983; during this time, he excelled in numerous sports, especially competitive hockey; and

WHEREAS, Mark Joseph Schroeder earned his degree from SUNY Geneseo, and later, pursued a long and distinguished career in technology sales, where he was beloved by colleagues and customers alike; and

WHEREAS, Beyond his professional accomplishments, Mark Joseph Schroeder's core sense of self was as a loving and supportive father to his children, prioritizing their well-being above all else; his loved ones recall that he could, without fail, recite every line from **The Princess Bride** with his cherished children; and

WHEREAS, Mark Joseph Schroeder was truly a man of many interests and passions; he was known for his eclectic taste in music, spanning many genres from Pink Floyd and Iron Butterfly to Grand Master Flash and the Furious Five, and he was known to scour Western New York record shops for bootleg recordings, carefully storing each album in its own protective covering; and

WHEREAS, A devoted fan of science fiction, Mark Joseph Schroeder enjoyed watching classic films like **Star Wars** and **Blade Runner**, to more modern tales like Marvel Cinematic Universe, and television shows such as "Game of Thrones" and "Dr. Who"; and

WHEREAS, Mark Joseph Schroeder was also a well-known animal lover, generously opening his heart to all living creatures; and

WHEREAS, Mark Joseph Schroeder is survived by his life partner, Amy Abbey; two daughters, Margaret and Claire; one son, Jeremy; one sister, Mary Margaret; one sister-in-law, Deena; one niece, Isabel; and one nephew, Harry, as well as numerous friends; and

WHEREAS, A devoted father, Mark Joseph Schroeder's name is synonymous with character, dignity, intellect, depth, and humor,

qualities evident to his family and to all those who were fortunate to have known him; 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 death of Mark Joseph Schroeder, family man, distinguished citizen 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 Mark Joseph Schroeder.