

BY: Senator RITCHIE

MOURNING the death of Sergeant Ryan G. Mason, decorated United States Army veteran, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow that this Legislative Body, representing the people of the State of New York, is moved this day to pay tribute to an eminent gentleman of indomitable faith and dedication whose military service and countless accomplishments will forever stand as a paradigm and inspiration for others; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Ryan G. Mason, who grew up in Carthage, New York, died on Thursday, January 28, 2021, in El Paso, Texas, at the age of 36; and

WHEREAS, Upon completing Augustinian Academy and Carthage Central, 17-year-old Ryan G. Mason proudly became a member of the United States Army in 2001 to serve his country in the wake of the unspeakable terrorist attacks of 9/11; he was deployed with his Patriot Missile Unit A 2/43 out of Fort Bliss, Texas, to Iraq; and

WHEREAS, He later re-enlisted and served a tour of duty in the Republic of Korea; while in the military, Sergeant Ryan G. Mason quickly rose through the ranks and became a decorated soldier; and

WHEREAS, Having exhibited his patriotism both at home and abroad, Sergeant Ryan G. Mason demonstrated his love for his country and merits forevermore, the highest respect of this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Sergeant Ryan G. Mason married the love of his life, Claudia; together, they were the proud parents of two beautiful daughters, Mia and Sophia; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Ryan G. Mason left the military in 2009 and found his civilian path in cyber security; he obtained his bachelor's degree from the University of Phoenix in Business Administration and Cyber Security; and

WHEREAS, He obtained the highest security clearance, serving as Head of his department, briefing both Generals and Colonels on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Ryan G. Mason's drive, patriotism and leadership enabled him to receive many military awards of recognition as well as several professional certifications within the cyber security industry; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his father, Larry M. Mason; maternal grandmother, Rose Cartin (Britton); and paternal grandmother, Elizabeth Cole, Sergeant Ryan G. Mason is survived by his wife, Claudia; his two daughters, Mia and Sophia; his mother, Maureen Mason-Ashcraft (Stan);

sister, Alicia Mason Crowley (Jeff); nephews, Joshua, Noah, and Brennan; brother, Kyle Mason; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; as well as many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law and several more nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, The North Country, this great Empire State and this proud Nation will never forget the contributions and sacrifices of Sergeant Ryan G. Mason, a devoted hero and selfless veteran who served his country as a member of its Armed Forces; 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 death of Sergeant Ryan G. Mason, 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 Sergeant Ryan G. Mason.