

BY: Senator AKSHAR

MOURNING the death of Edward T. Kiluk, 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 and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Edward T. Kiluk of Owego, New York, died on Sunday, April 4, 2021, at the age of 60, following a well-fought battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Edward T. Kiluk, affectionately known to family and friends as Eddie, graduated from Seton Catholic Central High School and Broome Community College; and

WHEREAS, Edward T. Kiluk distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, He was a Johnson City Police Officer and became a New York State Trooper where he served for nearly 30 years until his retirement in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Following the terrorist attacks on 9/11, Trooper Edward T. Kiluk was assigned to the ground zero site and spent several weeks working there; this heroic act ultimately led to his cancer diagnosis in 2019; and

WHEREAS, Edward T. Kiluk was a one-of-a-kind human being and truly loved by all; he often displayed a tough exterior, but he had a gentle heart; he was boisterous and full of humor and made friends wherever he went; and

WHEREAS, A man about the town, there were very few establishments in the greater Binghamton area where he was not known; he was a member of the Endicott Sons of Italy; and

WHEREAS, Edward T. Kiluk's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Edward T. Kiluk was incredibly generous and volunteered his time to help those in the community, whether it be through organized charity events, food deliveries, or simply helping family, friends, and neighbors; few people knew the extent of his efforts, as he was never one to boast; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man loved sports and was a loyal fan of

the New York Yankees and the LA Raiders, although you might not know it based on how much he complained about them; in his later years, he enjoyed playing golf; and

WHEREAS, Edward T. Kiluk often repeated the following phrase, which he said was a description of his dad, but was actually an incredibly accurate depiction of his own life: "He ate what he wanted, he drank what he wanted, and he was always kind to dogs and old people."; and

WHEREAS, Edward T. Kiluk is survived by his parents, Edward and Florence Kiluk; his significant other, Jennifer Morris Hanford; five younger siblings, Kathy Phillips, Michael Kiluk, Debra Westgate, Jennifer Giammarino, and Brian Kiluk; and his in-laws, Robert Phillips, Jennifer Kiluk, Derek Westgate, Sabrina Kiluk, Dana Wells; as well as many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Edward T. Kiluk 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; he will be truly missed by many; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Edward T. Kiluk, 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 Edward T. Kiluk.