

**BY:** Senator RITCHIE

**MOURNING** the death of Peyton Lane S. Morse, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of the loss of a generous and inspiring individual, who touched the lives of many; and

**WHEREAS,** It is with profound sadness that this Legislative Body records the passing of Peyton Lane S. Morse, who died on March 12, 2021, at the age of 21; and

**WHEREAS,** Peyton Lane S. Morse was born on May 3, 1999, in Watertown, New York, to David M. Morse and Stacy L. Snyder-Morse; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2017, Peyton Lane S. Morse graduated from LaFargeville Central School; on May 1, 2021, he will be awarded a bachelor's degree from Siena College, where he mentored students as a resident advisor, as well as served as a volunteer with the Shaker Road-Loudonville Fire Department while attending college; and

**WHEREAS,** Peyton Lane S. Morse became engaged to the love of his life, Celeste M. Oppito, of LaFargeville on September 27, 2020, and the couple planned to wed on October 2, 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** Peyton Lane S. Morse and Celeste M. Oppito were joined in marriage during a bedside ceremony on March 6, 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** Peyton Lane S. Morse worked on the Robinson Farm in LaFargeville, as well as Watertown Savings Bank and Rusty Johnson Masonry; and

**WHEREAS,** On February 1, 2021, Peyton Lane S. Morse began his "dream job" as a City of Watertown Firefighter; and

**WHEREAS,** Community service was a cornerstone of Peyton Lane S. Morse's life and he was involved in several local organizations that were close to his heart, including St. John the Evangelist in LaFargeville where he served as a communicant, Knights of Columbus, T.I. Council-350 and the Clayton Franciscan Mystery Players; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition, Peyton Lane S. Morse served his community as a member of the LaFargeville Volunteer Fire Department where, at the time of his passing, he was the Assistant Fire Chief; and

**WHEREAS,** Peyton Lane S. Morse's generous nature extended beyond his earthly life and by being an organ donor, he was able to save the lives of three people after his passing; and

**WHEREAS,** Peyton Lane S. Morse lived life to the fullest and loved

the outdoors, wildlife, playing cards, traveling and of course, spending time with his beloved family members and friends; and

**WHEREAS,** Predeceased by his grandfather, Samuel Snyder Sr., Peyton Lane S. Morse is survived by his wife; parents; brother, Parker S. Morse; grandparents; aunts; uncles; and cousins; and

**WHEREAS,** Peyton Lane S. Morse leaves behind a legacy of generosity, positivity, hard work and service that will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; he will be deeply missed and truly merits the tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Peyton Lane S. Morse, 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 Peyton Lane S. Morse.