

BY: Senator AKSHAR

MOURNING the death of Timothy P. Ward, owner of McGirk's Irish Pub, distinguished citizen and devoted member of the Broome County Celtic Pipes and Drum Band

WHEREAS, There are certain outstanding members of our community who, through their selfless commitment and dedication, have served to better the quality of life in our community and have had a measurable positive impact on the lives of its residents; Timothy P. Ward was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Timothy P. Ward, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, The Southern Tier of New York is mourning the loss of Timothy P. Ward of Vestal, New York, who died on Saturday, June 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man truly lived a life most people dream of; never a day went by when laughter, kindness and joy didn't dominate his life; he will be remembered for his love of family and his dedication to his many friends; and

WHEREAS, Never one to be a spectator, Timothy P. Ward, affectionately known as Tim, was a life force for every event; from being at the hospital when his grandchildren were born, to his first Yankee game with his son-in-law and close friends where he was "Fan of the Game" and featured twice on the Jumbotron; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, with age never really a factor for this adventurous man, he was renowned in his family for crowd surfing during a Collective Soul concert just as he was about to become a grandfather; and

WHEREAS, At a young age, Timothy P. Ward and his family were featured in the **Press and Sun-Bulletin** for the year-long camping trip they took around the United States; upon returning from the voyage, he met and wed the love of his life, the former Suzanne Spring; and

WHEREAS, Years later, the Ward family embarked on another family bonding venture when they created The Pond where they held annual family reunions with many generations; with no electricity or plumbing, only nature, The Pond became a place where Timothy P. Ward, along with family members and friends, shared countless bonfires, parties and memories; and

WHEREAS, Timothy P. Ward sincerely made an impact on everyone he met through his career paths at Sugarman's, Dick's, IBM, Southern Tier Wind Sports, Celtic Communication, Portable Pubs and his favorite venture

ever, as owner of McGirk's Irish Pub; and

WHEREAS, More than just a job, McGirk's was truly a passion for Timothy P. Ward; it was a place where he saw old friends and made wonderful new ones; his love and support of live music was overwhelming and will continue on, even in his death, with every note played there; and

WHEREAS, A bagpiper for the Broome County Celtic Pipes and Drum Band since 1990, Timothy P. Ward could be found many evenings at the bar with his pipes in hand playing along with some of his favorite musicians; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his father, Richard P. Ward and his in-laws, Dr. John F. Spring and Anne Gray Spring; Timothy P. Ward is survived by his wife, Suzanne; two daughters, Kari and Megan; his son-in-law, Brian; three granddaughters, Ania, Jadyn and Cailey; his mother, Phyllis; and his siblings, Kathleen, Mike, David, Susan and Brian; as well as his family at McGirk's and the Broome County Celtic Pipes and Drum Band; and

WHEREAS, Timothy P. Ward's infinite selflessness and benevolence will shine on through his family's vivid and happy memories; his insight and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Timothy P. Ward leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all who were privileged to have known and loved such an amazing man; 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 Timothy P. Ward, 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 Timothy P. Ward.