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MOURNING the death of Larry Sharpe, 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 the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Larry Sharpe of Sloansville, New York, died on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at the age of 80; he will be remembered for his big heart, his love of family, and his dedication to the community; and

WHEREAS, Born on February 9, 1941, in Cobleskill, New York, Larry Sharpe was the son of Kenneth and Katherine (Lawyer) Sharpe; he graduated from the former Cobleskill High School in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Larry Sharpe distinguished himself in an extraordinary career with the Schoharie County Sheriff's Department; he gave tirelessly of his time and energies to his community for many years, climbing the ranks to become Sergeant, the esteemed position from which he retired; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement, Larry Sharpe was elected to serve as Town Justice for the Town of Esperance where he served until recently; he was newly elected to serve on the Town Council and was also President of the Old Stone Fort Cemetery Association; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Larry Sharpe was a strong supporter of the Schoharie Indians Sports Booster Club and served as the 1st Dare Officer for area schools; he was also a Schoharie Little League coach and a member of the committee responsible for acquiring the land and building two local fields; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he was a member of three different fire departments over his lifetime: the Schoharie Fire Department, Gallupville Fire Department, and Esperance Fire Department, as well as a longtime leader of the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, In his spare time, Larry Sharpe enjoyed hunting, fishing, attending his grandchildren's sporting events and serving his community; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his son, Kyle; Larry Sharpe is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Barbara (Diamond); three children; Brett (Donna) Sharpe, Lance (Jill) Sharpe, and Kelly (Tom) Fagnani; and five grandchildren, Dr. Katelyn (Alan) Colby, Logan Sharpe, Jacob, Noah, and Abigail Fagnani; and

WHEREAS, Larry Sharpe'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, Larry Sharpe 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 Larry Sharpe 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 Larry Sharpe.