Senate Resolution No. 577

BY: Senator ORTT

CELEBRATING the life of Private Second-Class Roger Cordle, meritorious veteran, distinguished citizen, and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

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

WHEREAS, Roger Cordle of Lockport, New York, died on January 15, 2023, at the age of 52; and

WHEREAS, Born in West Virginia, Roger Cordle was the son of Bobby and Clara Cordle; he was the husband of Janelle (Godzala) Cordle, and the father of Charity (Brett Vargo) Cordle, Amber (Cody Bump) Cordle, Gracie Cordle, R.J. Cordle and Jonathan Cordle; and

WHEREAS, Private Second-Class Roger Cordle proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army, during which time he was awarded numerous medals and ribbons, including the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service during Operation Just Cause; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Roger Cordle served as the Commander of VFW Post No. 2535 in Lockport, New York, and as Commander of New York State VFW District No. 7, which oversees Niagara, Orleans, Wyoming, Livingston, and Genesee counties; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure as Commander, VFW Post No. 2535 was recognized as an "all-state" post for several years, one of only 24 in the state; he was also active in many of the post's charity events, including providing holiday meals to veterans and families in need, and assisting homeless veterans; and

WHEREAS, A life well-lived, Private Second-Class Roger Cordle's commitment to his community and this great nation is an inspiration to us all; and

WHEREAS, This great Empire State and this proud Nation will never forget the contributions and sacrifices of Private Second-Class Roger Cordle, a devoted hero and selfless veteran who served his country as a member of its Armed Forces; he 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; now,

therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the life of Private Second-Class Roger Cordle, 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 Private Second-Class Roger Cordle.