

Assembly Resolution No. 1419

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MOURNING the untimely death of Christopher G. Hunter, distinguished historian, archivist, 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, Christopher "Chris" Hunter of Saratoga, New York, died on March 22, 2026, at the age of 54; and

WHEREAS, Christopher G. Hunter distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Born to George T. and Margaret L. Hunter, Christopher G. Hunter was born on March 22, 1972, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Graduating from Linton High School in 1990, Christopher G. Hunter received his bachelor's degree from SUNY Brockport in 1994; he went on to complete a master's degree in finance from Syracuse University in 1995, and also received a master's degree in history from the University at Albany in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Christopher G. Hunter, with a deep interest in history, executed extensive research on a Civil War company for his master's degree, and also enjoyed trips to historic parks such as Saratoga Battlefield, Gettysburg, Antietam, Chancellorsville, and others; and

WHEREAS, Passionate about learning throughout his life, Christopher G. Hunter volunteered at the then Schenectady Museum in 1998, and later, was hired to assist with the museum's archives and millions of photographs and documents; and

WHEREAS, Christopher G. Hunter went on to become a well-known professional in his local community and to historians around the world; and

WHEREAS, Christopher G. Hunter held the title of vice president of collections and exhibitions before being promoted to president of the museum, which is now known as the Museum of Science and Innovation (miSci), in 2025; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated historian and archivist, Christopher G. Hunter was widely respected for his knowledge of electrical and technological history, and was always willing to offer his valuable insight on a wide variety of subject matter such as the history of Schenectady and General Electric; and

WHEREAS, Christopher G. Hunter served on many boards throughout his life, ranging from Vale Cemetery to Discover Schenectady, and had also recently joined the Rotary; he also gave hundreds of tours over the years sharing his love for history of the region; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his passing, Christopher G. Hunter created a new exhibit at the museum which features artifacts from WRGB, a local news station, and from General Electric; families, community members, and visitors from near and far are finding great interest in the new exhibit—a glowing testament to his vision, leadership, legacy, and valuable lifework in the wake of his tragic passing; and

WHEREAS, Christopher G. Hunter's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, To celebrate and honor Christopher G. Hunter's dedication to the museum and his community, a Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at the Museum of Innovation and Science; tours of the museum archives will be offered in honor of his decades of work in that space; and

WHEREAS, Christopher G. Hunter is survived by his wife, Claudia; stepdaughter, Fernanda; mother, Margaret; brothers, Michael Hunter and Joseph (Cassie) Hunter; niece, Savannah; and nephew, Noah; he was predeceased by his father George; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Christopher Hunter 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the untimely death of Christopher G. Hunter, distinguished historian, archivist, and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Christopher G. Hunter.