

Assembly Resolution No. 56

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MOURNING the death of Frederick L. Simpson, meritorious veteran, family man, and distinguished member of his community

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; Frederick L. Simpson was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Frederick L. Simpson, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Frederick L. Simpson, of Amsterdam, New York, died on May 20, 2024, at the age of 75; and

WHEREAS, Born on March 25, 1949, to Lionel T. and Dorothy Brooks Simpson in Manchester, Connecticut, Frederick L. Simpson attended E.O. Smith High School in Storrs, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, Frederick L. Simpson and the former Mary-Anna Kelley were united in marriage on June 26, 1971, and together they raised four beautiful children; and

WHEREAS, A proud Vietnam Combat Veteran, earning a Bronze Star, Frederick L. Simpson was a Lifetime Member of the American Legion Post No. 137 in Gloversville, New York, as well as a Lifetime Member of the VFW, DAV and the Mobile River Force Association; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he was a member of the Amsterdam Elks Lodge No. 101, where he was the current Tiler; he also held the post of the Lodge Inner Guard; and

WHEREAS, An avid bowler, Frederick L. Simpson also enjoyed latch hooking and won first place at the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival in 2022; and

WHEREAS, While he was passionate about many things, above all his greatest passion was being with his family, especially his grandchildren whom he loved to spoil; and

WHEREAS, Frederick L. Simpson is survived by his wonderful children, June-Marie Bottomley, Jessica (Michael Jr.) Fischer, Carolyn (Jonathan) Porath, and Toni (Jason) Haberacker; and four cherished grandchildren, Michael J. Fischer III, Harley-Grace Fischer, Kylee-Lynn Haberacker and Magnolia R. Simpson-Porath; other surviving members of his family include: Timi and Rock Ouellette, Elley Wooten, Joseph and Kimberley Kelley, Carla and Chris Longo, Geri-Lynn Kelley (Doug Pinard), Donna Kelley and Sunniva and Keith Brown; as well as numerous nieces, nephews,

great and great-great nieces and nephews, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, He is predeceased by his father, Lionel T. Simpson; mother, Dorothy Brooks; stepmother, June Simpson; father-in-law, Thomas Kelley; mother-in-law, Marie Kelley; sister, Judith M. Browder; stepsister, Eilleen Briggs; brothers and sisters-in-law, Thomas Kelley Jr., Sandra Kelley, John Kelley and Earl Wooten; and

WHEREAS, A man of deep Roman Catholic faith, Frederick L. Simpson'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, Frederick L. Simpson 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 Frederick L. Simpson, 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 Frederick L. Simpson.