Assembly Resolution No. 564

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MOURNING the death of Terry L. Yoder, distinguished citizen, public servant, and devoted member of her 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, Terry L. Yoder of Unadilla, New York died on Friday, April 25, 2025, at the age of 65; and

WHEREAS, Terry L. Yoder distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, An admired public servant for over a decade, Terry L. Yoder was appointed to the position of Town Clerk for the Town of Unadilla on May 1, 2013, and began her first elected four-year term on January 1, 2014; she earned the public's trust with her reliable and knowledgeable service, going on to secure her re-election to the position multiple times; and

WHEREAS, In 2019, Terry L. Yoder was voted in by her peers as a District 3 Director for the New York State Town Clerks Association--a coveted position held by few Town Clerks across the State; in this position which she held proudly for three years, she worked as a mentor to and liaison between Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Schoharie, Otsego, and Delaware Counties; and

WHEREAS, In July 2020, Terry L. Yoder received a Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding performance as District 3 Director; and

WHEREAS, With a commitment to excellence in her career, Terry L. Yoder completed the Certified Town Official Program in 2019; she was also awarded a Certificate of Completion by the New York State Office of the State Comptroller for taking the Introduction to Governmental Accounting course in 2023; and

WHEREAS, In her position as Town Clerk, Terry L. Yoder also served as Deputy Tax Collector and Deputy Court Clerk and completed several training programs offered by the New York State Unified Court System in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, Truly making an impact in her community, Terry L. Yoder was instrumental in procuring the HUD Community Development Block Grant for the town's Community Development Housing Rehabilitation Program; to date, the Town of Unadilla has received more than one million dollars in grants to help those in need of home repairs due to her steadfast efforts; and

WHEREAS, In her role as Town Clerk, Terry L. Yoder was responsible for marrying countless couples, always ensuring they felt special and comfortable during the process; and

WHEREAS, Outside of work, Terry L. Yoder had a love for children and always helped those who were less fortunate; she had been both a volunteer as well as an advocate for grant funding for the Unadilla Community Food Pantry's annual Christmas Toy Giveaway for underprivileged children; and

WHEREAS, The many hobbies and interests of Terry L. Yoder included home decorating, furniture refinishing, gardening, cooking, shopping, loving her horses, and entertaining family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Terry L. Yoder's commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Terry L. Yoder is survived by her children, her life partner, and her many dear friends and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Terry L. Yoder leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Terry L. Yoder, distinguished citizen, public servant, and devoted member of her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Terry L. Yoder.