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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the untimely death of Specialist Matthew M. Fedish, a proud cavalry scout with the United States Army and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is with feelings of deepest regret that this Legislative Body mourns the untimely death of Specialist Matthew M. Fedish of Chenango Bridge, New York, who died on Friday, August 5, 2011, at the age of 21; and

WHEREAS, Born on March 30, 1990, Matthew M. Fedish was a graduate of Chenango Valley High School, Class of 2008, where he was a member of the football, wrestling, and lacrosse teams; and

WHEREAS, He was also a communicant of St. Paul's Church in Binghamton, New York, and the American Legion Post 1194, Hillcrest, New York; and

WHEREAS, Matthew M. Fedish enlisted in the United States Army on July 8, 2008; he trained at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and was stationed at Fort Drum, New York, with the 10th Mountain Division 1st Combat Brigade 1-71 Cavalry Bravo Troop; and

WHEREAS, This brave soldier fought for the freedom of all Americans bravely and honorably during the height of combat in the Kandahar region of Afghanistan from March 2010 to March 2011; and

WHEREAS, The banner of freedom will always wave over our beloved New York and all of America, the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave; and

WHEREAS, Matthew M. Fedish truly loved his family and friends; although his life on earth was short, it was a life lived to its fullest; he loved hunting with the guys from the barn, fishing, boating, and motocross racing; he also loved to dance and sing, but most of all he loved to make people laugh and smile; and

WHEREAS, He was a young man with a heart of gold who always placed others before himself, feared nothing, and never, ever gave up; and

WHEREAS, Matthew M. Fedish is survived by his parents, Michael and Lauren Fedish; his sister and brother-in-law, Amanda and Ted Ford; maternal grandparents, Bud and Fran Alexander; paternal grandparents, George and June Fedish; his aunts and uncles, Joe and Terry Alexander,

Mary Ellen and Chris Bednar, Andy and Tyann Alexander, Chip and Cindy Fedish, and Kim and Tim Ross; 11 cousins, Rachel, Scott, Jennifer, Isabell, Emily, Lara, Kristin, Cameron, Jordan, Branden, and Ryan; many dear friends including the Beagells; Greg and Darcy, his best friend Dustin, Kyle, Jocelyn, and Tanner, a special friend, Megan Sullivan; and also his "second families" the Balls, Guenthers, Howards, and Norrises; as well as his beloved dog, Sandy; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Matthew M. Fedish leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory in the hearts of all those who had the honor of knowing him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the untimely death of Specialist Matthew M. Fedish, a proud cavalry scout with the United States Army 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 Matthew M. Fedish.