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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the untimely passing and paying tribute to the life and valiant service of Johnson City Police Officer David W. Smith who died in the line of duty on March 31, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of the loss of courageous individuals who dedicated their purposeful lives and careers to serve and protect; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to mourn the untimely passing and to pay tribute to the life and valiant service of Johnson City Police Officer David W. Smith of Binghamton, New York, who died in the line of duty on March 31, 2014, at the age of 43; and

WHEREAS, David W. Smith graduated from Johnson City High School and Broome Community College; he also attended Binghamton University; and

WHEREAS, A police officer for 18 1/2 years, David W. Smith also served as treasurer of the Johnson City Police Association; he truly loved his job, serving his community and the many friends he made throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his exceptional service, Officer David W. Smith was awarded a Certificate of Exceptional Valor in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his grandparents, Rex and Amy McConegly, and Garland Smith, David W. Smith is survived by his parents, David and Phyllis (McConegly) Smith Sr.; his wife, Christian, and son, Andrew; brother, Stephen Smith (Alicia Riegles); nephews, Jaydon Smith and Camryn Wilbur; grandmother, Rose Smith; mother-in-law, Joan Herko; father-in-law, Carl (Linda) Herko; two sisters-in-law, Courtney Herko and Heather Herko (Ryan Hensch); his aunts, Olive and Jerry Trask, Susanne and Al Swackhammer, Jean and Frank Kee; and uncles, John and Dianne McConegly, Ray and Cindy Smith, Mike and Bonnie Smith, Tim and

Judy Smith, John Chuckoloski, as well as many cousins; and

WHEREAS, Officer David W. Smith lived his life with great dignity and genuine grace, always demonstrating a deep and continuing concern for the welfare of others in the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, A member of Sarah Jane Johnson United Methodist Church, Officer David W. Smith loved hunting and golfing; this remarkable man will be remembered for his sense of humor, outgoing personality and warm smile; and

WHEREAS, Officer David W. Smith made the ultimate sacrifice while faithfully executing his responsibilities, serving with dedication, loyalty and compassion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the life of Johnson City Police Officer David W. Smith, noting the significance of his contributions on behalf of the citizens of this noble Empire State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Johnson City Police Officer David W. Smith.