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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the tragic and untimely death of New York State Trooper Christopher G. Skinner on Thursday, May 29, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of the loss of a courageous police officer who dedicated his purposeful life and career in faithful service to his family, community and the New York State Police; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this Legislative Body records the passing of New York State Trooper Christopher Gail Skinner, who made the ultimate sacrifice on Thursday, May 29, 2014, while faithfully executing his responsibilities, serving the people of New York State with dedication, loyalty and compassion, and who devoted his purposeful life and career to serve and protect; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Binghamton, New York, Christopher G. Skinner graduated from Chenango Valley High School, Class of 1989; he continued his education and earned an Associate in Science degree in 1991, followed by a Bachelor of Science degree two years later, both from SUNY Cobleskill; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, Christopher G. Skinner lived in Clifton Springs, New York, and worked as a Product Support Manager for CASE International; during this time, he developed a love of community work by volunteering at the Shortsville Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Christopher G. Skinner followed his dream and graduated from the State Police Academy; initially, he was assigned to Troop G in Latham, New York, then Troop E, Canandaigua, New York, and lastly Troop C in Kirkwood, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since 2008, Trooper Christopher G. Skinner was assigned to the Traffic Incident Management Unit; he enjoyed his career with the

state troopers but also truly loved farming; he spent many hours working on the family farm while simultaneously building his own farm; and WHEREAS, Christopher G. Skinner enjoyed spending time working on and using vintage equipment and he was an active member of the Broome County Farm Bureau; each year, he would mark his calendar well in advance for the Farm Bureau auction, some years taking equipment up and most years bringing more treasures back, but never missing one; and

WHEREAS, He also spent many hours pursuing his love of antique vehicles; wherever he lived, Christopher G. Skinner was very community minded, continuing to volunteer for the local fire department; when he moved back to the Binghamton area, he immediately became a member of the Five Mile Point Fire Department, spending many hours helping people in time of crisis; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong member of Community Baptist Church, Port Dickinson, New York, Trooper Christopher G. Skinner devoted 22 years of service to the fire department; in his spare time, he loved to be outdoors snowmobiling, haying and generally living the country life; and

WHEREAS, An active member of the Whitney Point Ridge Riders, Christopher G. Skinner loved to snowmobile, a love he developed as a child, riding on the farm with his parents and siblings; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his father, Gail R. Skinner, grandfathers, Charles A. Fleming, and Donald A. Skinner, Trooper Christopher G. Skinner is survived by his fiancée, Surrena Gould; children, Kyle and Erin Skinner, and Ethan Gould; mother, Sharyn F. Skinner; grandmothers, Barbara Skinner and "Flossie" Fleming; and siblings Major Julie A. Skinner (Lt. Col. Douglas) Dillon, Jason W. (Jessica) Skinner and their children, Brycen and Aspyr, and Shawn D. (Sonya) Skinner and their

daughters, Covany, Samantha, Mishayla and Vivianne; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Christopher G. Skinner 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, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Trooper Christopher G. Skinner 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; 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 untimely death of New York State Trooper Christopher G. Skinner, noting the significance of his contributions on behalf of the citizens of this noble Empire State, and expressing 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 Trooper Christopher G. Skinner.