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Senate Resolution No. 2033

BY: Senator YOUNG

MOURNING the untimely death of Staff Sergeant Alexandria Mae Gleason-Morrow, a native of Dansville, New York, and paying tribute to her courageous actions as a member of the United States Air Force

WHEREAS, The courage and bravery of our military personnel ensure our great Nation's continued role as a leader in the world, embodying the ideals of democracy and acting as a defender of liberty for all people; and

WHEREAS, New Yorkers must never forget the courage with which our Nation's brave men and women serve our country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than to those who give their lives for their beloved Nation; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Armed Services from the State of New York, who have served so valiantly and honorably, deserve a special salute from this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, It is with feelings of deepest sadness and regret that this Legislative Body mourns the untimely death of Staff Sergeant Alexandria Mae Gleason-Morrow, a native of Dansville, Livingston County, New York, and pays tribute to her courageous actions as a member of the United

States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Alexandria Mae Gleason-Morrow was born on November 4, 1991; she attended Dansville Central Schools, graduating as a member of the Class of 2009; she was remembered by classmates as super-positive, loved by all and a person who would help anyone; and

WHEREAS, Alex, as she was then known, was highly regarded by teachers who recall her being a bright, creative and friendly young woman with tremendous potential; she had a deep passion for art and aspired to be an art teacher after concluding her military career; and

WHEREAS, Not long after her graduation from Dansville High School, she joined the United States Air Force and was assigned to Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho; Master Sgt. Jeffrey Passut, who deployed with Staff Sgt. Gleason-Morrow, recalled during her memorial service that she rolled into the weapons section office at Mountain Home AFB on a Wednesday in early 2010 and said, 'Hi, I'm Airman Gleason, what do I need to do;' Staff Sgt. Gleason-Morrow's dedication and drive was noteworthy and she became the first Senior Airman Team Chief in 389th Aircraft Maintenance Unit history; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sgt. Gleason-Morrow was a Weapons Load Crew Member with the 366th Fighter Wing; in October of 2016, she was assigned to 332nd Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron where she was part of a team responsible for performing maintenance duties in support of combat operations; according to her colleagues, her passion and caring nature earned her the nickname "Mother Alex," amongst her immediate teammates and all who served and worked with her; and

WHEREAS, A seven-year veteran, Staff Sgt. Gleason-Morrow was

distinguished professionally, known for being passionate and skillful at her job; her unique skillset earned her the distinction of briefing the Commander for United States Central Command on weapons loading operations during a visit to the airbase; and

WHEREAS, Beyond being a valiant and decorated soldier, Staff Sgt. Alexandria Gleason-Morrow was also a loving wife to her husband, Brandon, and a devoted mother to her two daughters, Elysa Mae and Abigail Shae; and

WHEREAS, The freedoms and security we cherish as Americans come at a steep price for those who serve in our nation's military; thus it is fitting and proper that we, who are the beneficiaries of those who risk their lives, leaving their families behind, express our appreciation and eternal gratitude for their sacrifices and courageous acts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the untimely death of Staff Sgt. Alexandria Mae Gleason-Morrow, a native of Dansville, Livingston County, New York, and to pay tribute to her courageous service as a member of the U.S. Air Force; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Staff Sgt. Alexandria Mae Gleason-Morrow.