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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the untimely death of Staff Sergeant Eric James Lindstrom and paying tribute to his courageous actions as a member of the United States Army

WHEREAS, The courage and bravery of our military personnel since the United States Armed Forces commenced Operation Enduring Freedom will ensure our continued role as a Nation which embodies the ideals of democracy, and as a defender of liberty for people throughout the world; and

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

WHEREAS, It is with feelings of deepest regret that this Legislative Body mourns the untimely death of Staff Sergeant Eric James Lindstrom and paying tribute to his courageous actions as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Eric James Lindstrom joined the United States Army after graduating from Flagstaff High School in 1999; he completed basic training at Fort Benning in Georgia, then spent two years in Schweinfurt, Germany, with a mortar company before transferring to Fort Polk in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Staff Sergeant Eric James Lindstrom was with the invasion into Sadr City, Baghdad, Iraq, and returned home to become a police officer in the Flagstaff Police Department, where he served for four years before rejoining the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Eric James Lindstrom was assigned to Fort Drum in June 2007, and deployed to Afghanistan as an infantryman with the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team of the 10th Mountain Division; and

WHEREAS, A former Eagle Scout, Staff Sergeant Eric James Lindstrom was the recipient of the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with campaign star, the Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service

Medal, the Combat Infantry Badge, the Expert Infantry Badge and the Air Assault Badge; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Eric James Lindstrom is survived by his wife, Tara, their twin daughters, Riley and Olivia, his mother, Kathy, his father, Ric, his step-brother, Jake and grandmother, Mary O'Hara; 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, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; and

WHEREAS, The freedoms and security we cherish as Americans come at a very high price for those serving in the military in times of conflict; 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 Sergeant Eric James Lindstrom and paying tribute to his courageous actions as a member of the United States Army; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Staff Sergeant Eric James Lindstrom.