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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Matthew J. Schnirel, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Matthew J. Schnirel of Buffalo, New York, died on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at the age of 26; and

WHEREAS, A native of Buffalo, Matthew J. Schnirel was a 2001 graduate of Sweet Home High School, earned a bachelor of arts degree in history from the University at Albany in 2005, and his law degree from the University at Buffalo Law School in 2008; and

WHEREAS, A sports enthusiast, Matthew J. Schnirel played varsity football and baseball at Sweet Home High School and enjoyed skiing; he was a fan of the Buffalo Sabres and a season ticket holder of the Buffalo Bills; he was also a lifeguard at Ransom Oaks for seven years; and

WHEREAS, Though his legal career had just begun, Matthew J. Schnirel had made a splash within the legal profession because of extensive participation in moot court trial competitions while in law school; and

WHEREAS, He represented the university in competitions across the country including New York, Texas and Michigan, and was described by his trial team coach as bright, hardworking and thoughtful; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from law school, Mr. Schnirel voluntarily helped University at Buffalo's trial teams prepare for competitions; and

WHEREAS, Matthew J. Schnirel distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, A respected attorney with Doran and Murphy LLP, Buffalo, New York, Matthew J. Schnirel specialized as a champion for the rights of injury victims; he prided himself on being an advocate for his clients, who praised him for helping them understand the complexities of tort and asbestos litigation; and

WHEREAS, Matthew J. Schnirel was the partner of Lauren Schilling,

considered the love of his life; they recently purchased their first home together in Snyder, New York; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his grandfather, John F. Flanigan, Matthew J. Schnirel, in addition to Lauren Schilling, is survived by his parents, Kevin and Kathleen; two sisters, Amanda and Rebecca; a brother, Eric; grandparents, Robert J. and Patricia Schnirel, and Marilyn Flanigan; an uncle, Michael (Mary Ann) Schnirel; and eight cousins; and WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Matthew J. Schnirel 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Matthew J. Schnirel, distinguished citizen 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 J. Schnirel.