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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the untimely death of Lieutenant Colonel Todd Clark, of Albany, New York, 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 Iraqi 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 40 year-old Lieutenant Colonel Todd Clark, of Albany, New York, and pays tribute to his courageous actions as a member of the United States Army; he died in the line of duty on Saturday, June 8, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Todd Clark was a brigade-level advisor with the United States Army's 10th Mountain Division; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Todd Clark spent more than 17 years in the military; he graduated from Christian Brothers Academy in 1990, enrolled at Texas A&M and entered the United States Army shortly after earning his degree; and

WHEREAS, Serving his second tour in Afghanistan, Lieutenant Colonel Todd Clark had completed three other tours in Iraq, and spent roughly 12 years overseas; and

WHEREAS, In July of 2010, Lieutenant Colonel Todd Clark was injured by a roadside bomb in the southern Afghan province of Kandahar; he received a Purple Heart and after recovering, he became deeply involved in the Wounded Warrior program; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Todd Clark is survived by his proud parents, Jack and Kathleen Clark, his loving wife, Shelley, and their two beautiful children, Madison and Collin; 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 Lieutenant Colonel Todd Clark, of Albany, New York, and to pay 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 Lieutenant Colonel Todd Clark.