

## 2015-J1599

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the untimely death of 19-year-old Jedidiah Woomer of Tonawanda, New York

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is deeply moved to inscribe upon its records the passing of Jedidiah Woomer, a young man who will be remembered for his sense of humor, as well as his care and concern for others; and

WHEREAS, Jedidiah Woomer of Tonawanda, New York, died on Wednesday, April 8, 2015, at the young age of 19; and

WHEREAS, Jedidiah Woomer, affectionately known as Jed, was a 2014 graduate of Tonawanda High School and a beloved member of his community; and

WHEREAS, In July of 2014, Jed Woomer was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, and after a courageous battle fighting his disease, he succumbed to his illness; there was an outpouring of support from the community he so loved and called home; and

WHEREAS, Known for his compassionate spirit and warm smile, Jed Woomer was proud to have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout after completing his service project which involved the beautification of the facade at the Ghostlight Theatre in North Tonawanda, where he also acted in productions; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Jed Woomer was a lifeguard at the Brighton pool during the summer, as well as at the local Aquatic & Fitness Center; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable young man strived to help others whenever possible; he once successfully counseled a classmate who was being bullied, and was contemplating suicide; he also had a soft spot in his heart for those less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, Friends and neighbors of Jed Woomer created the Red for Jed movement, wearing red in support of his efforts during his battle with

cancer; as a tribute to his enduring spirit, a portion of City Hall was lit up with red lights throughout the weekend following his passing and city employees wore red in honor of his memory; and

WHEREAS, Jed Woomer is survived by his parents, Mark and Carolyn, his sister, Amanda, and residents of the Town of Tonawanda as a whole; he will truly be missed; and

WHEREAS, A young man of incredible spirit and enthusiasm, Jed Woomer has truly brought enduring honor to his family through his many achievements; his memory will remain in the hearts of all those who had the privilege of knowing him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of 19-year-old Jedidiah Woomer of Tonawanda, New York, and to express 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 Jedidiah Woomer.