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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Clifton Joseph Hebert III,
Superintendent of Cooperstown Central School

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor the life and accomplishments of individuals whose enduring commitment and dedication significantly enhanced the quality of education in their community; and

WHEREAS, With deep regret this Legislative Body records the untimely passing of Clifton Joseph Hebert III, Superintendent of Cooperstown Central School, on Sunday, March 20, 2016, at the age of 51; and

WHEREAS, The American public school system is a treasured institution; those who work to improve our schools and ensure that all children have access to quality educational programs merit the highest commendation of this Legislative Body; and

WHEREAS, Born on December 6, 1964, to Clifton Joseph Hebert, Jr. and the former Doreen Draper, Clifton Joseph Hebert III, affectionately known as C. J., was raised in Natural Bridge, New York, in Jefferson County, and graduated from Carthage High School; after graduating, he earned his Bachelor's degree in Secondary English Education from the State University of New York (SUNY) Oswego and his Master's degree in Curriculum Development from SUNY Albany; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, C. J. Hebert III married his wife, the former Tammy Humphrey, in Hopedale, Labrador; united in their passion for education, Tammy and C. J. made significant and lasting impacts in a number of school districts; and

WHEREAS, Superintendent C. J. Hebert III's purposeful life and endeavors were unerringly directed to teaching and advising the youth of his community; and

WHEREAS, C. J. Hebert III began his illustrious career in education as an English Teacher at Corinth High School, in Saratoga County; in 1998, he was promoted to the role of Principal before taking a similar position in Hudson Falls, in nearby Washington County from 2002-2010; and

WHEREAS, On July 1, 2010, C. J. Hebert III assumed the esteemed position of Superintendent of Cooperstown Central School, a district comprised of 1,150 students; and

WHEREAS, Beyond any of his titles, anyone who knew C. J. Hebert III would say his career in education was distinguished by his strong work ethic, leadership, civic responsibility, and unwavering commitment to tasks both big and small; he showed equal measures of enthusiasm, cheering on sports teams and music concerts as he did passing school budgets; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Superintendent, C. J. Hebert III focused on the bigger picture from a K-12 perspective and how the district communicates with both public and private entities; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Richmondville, New York, and an avid outdoorsman, C. J. Hebert III enjoyed hunting and fishing and took great joy in riding his ATV throughout the countryside; and

WHEREAS, Along with his parents, C. J. Hebert III is survived by his wife, Tammy; his son, Clifton Joseph IV; his stepdaughter, Christina; his stepson, Christopher (Heather); and his two brothers, James (Lori) and Troy (Pam); and

WHEREAS, C. J. Hebert III continually demonstrated an impressive dedication, an unparalleled devotion and an unremitting enthusiasm for the quality of the educational programs and opportunities offered in Cooperstown Central School for the benefit of its faculty and students, as well as for the entire community; he truly left a legacy to the residents of Cooperstown and to future generations of its students; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to Superintendent Clifton Joseph Hebert III, to mourn his death, and to acknowledge the significance of his contributions to education in the Village of Cooperstown and the State of New York; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Clifton Joseph Hebert III.