

By Legislators Brew and Felder

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2021

IN MEMORIAM

EXPRESSING REGRET OF THE MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATURE ON THE RECENT PASSING OF STEVEN FRANK SKODA, NATIONAL GUARD CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 5

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monroe County Legislature hereby expresses its deepest sympathy at the recent passing of Steven F. Skoda, National Guard Chief Warrant Officer 5; and

WHEREAS, Steve passed away tragically on January 20, 2021, at the age of 54; and

WHEREAS, Steve was born on April 29, 1966 in Gloversville, New York to loving parents Frank and Barbara Skoda. He spent most of his early life in Johnstown where he treasured the outdoors and nature in the foothills of the Adirondacks. From a young age, he had an adventurous spirit and sense of duty, which brought him to the U.S. Army and stationed at a base in Alaska where his career of service began. Following his first tour of duty, he pursued collegiate studies in communications, public policy and engineering. Determined to become a helicopter pilot, Steve enlisted in the Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Steve's military helicopter pilot career took root in New York's Army National Guard's C Company 1-171, in Rochester, New York. His spirit for adventure never left him, and he was fascinated to always learn more and become more skilled in all aspects of his profession. Steve's work with the guard took him on two tours to Afghanistan, where he piloted medical evacuation helicopters with teams dedicated to navigate and land under fire to fly injured U.S. Marines and allied forces to advanced medical facilities. His career was filled with many deployments, providing support and aid in national disasters and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, wherever Steve ventured, everyone he came in contact with loved working with him. His kind and generous spirit, and need for adventure, led him to have a fulfilled life of serving others; and

WHEREAS, Steve will be remembered for his love and dedication to his family, especially his loving mother, sisters and many nieces and nephews.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the bereaved family.

This resolution was adopted unanimously with each legislator rising in his or her place for a moment of silence.