

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 CHRISTIAN KOCH, NATIONAL GUARD CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monroe County Legislature hereby expresses its deepest sympathy at the recent passing of Christian Koch, National Guard Chief Warrant Officer 4; and

WHEREAS, Christian passed away tragically on January 20, 2021, at the age of 39; and

WHEREAS, Christian grew up in the York/Leicester area and graduated from York Central School in 1999. He later went on to study mathematics at the State University of New York College at Brockport before enlisting in the National Guard in 2000. Christian graduated second in his basic training class with honors, and was immediately awarded a slot in the U.S. Army Airborne Jump School and assigned to the A Co 1st Battalion 108th Infantry based in Geneseo, New York; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Christian was accepted into Warrant Officer School at Fort Rucker, Alabama and went on to attend flight school. He was deployed to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2008 to 2009, where he flew supplies and personnel. Upon his return, he schooled for his UH-60 Blackhawk Instructor Pilot rating and completed the Aviation Warrant Officer advanced course. Following that he went on to serve in the Afghanistan campaign through 2013 as a Medical Evacuation pilot, saving countless lives. He participated in Operation Noble Eagle, guarding the Northern Border and the Ginna Nuclear Power Plant following the tragedy of 9/11. Throughout his training and active duty, Christian served the community in as many ways as he could; and

WHEREAS, Christian's hard work and drive lead him to become the Senior Instructor Pilot for his unit. His motivation and infectious personality made him a great Soldier, Leader and Father. He will forever be renowned for his family hikes, backyard fires, creating fairy houses, pulling practical jokes, paddle boarding with his wife, and being a superhero dad to his children; and

WHEREAS, Christian was a true American hero who lived his life serving his country, saving lives, supporting his community, and especially loving his family- his wife Teresa, his children Everett, Addison, and "bonus" children Ari and Talia, his mother, Josephine, father, David, and brothers, Scott and David and their families. His generosity, selflessness, leadership and love will be remembered by all.

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.

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