

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Patricia A. Parete, distinguished police officer and devoted member of her community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of the loss of a courageous police officer who dedicated her purposeful life and career in faithful service to her family, community and the Buffalo Police Department; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this Legislative Body records the passing of City of Buffalo Police Officer Patricia A. Parete, who, after serving with dedication, loyalty and compassion, devoted her purposeful life and career to serve and protect; and

WHEREAS, Patricia A. Parete of Buffalo, New York, was wounded in the line of duty on December 5, 2006; after a long and spirited battle, she succumbed to her injuries and died on Saturday, February 2, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Patricia "Patty" Parete was born on January 12, 1965; she became a member of the Buffalo Police Department on January 25, 2001, at the age of 36; and

WHEREAS, An avid lover of the outdoors and nature, Patricia A. Parete was an advocate of physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, She also loved her Harley-Davidson; in 2007, the Buffalo community united and held a benefit in her honor; the funds raised were used to provide for the necessary care Patricia required during her recovery; in addition, comedian Jay Leno donated an autographed Harley Davidson Sportster motorcycle to be raffled off at the benefit; and

WHEREAS, In her duties as a police officer, Patricia A. Parete was known to have street smarts and was described by many as a fighter; her bravery coupled with her courageous work ethic made the City of Buffalo a safer place to live and work; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by her mother, Dorothea A. (Nagel) Parete, and her uncle, Roger Nagel, Patricia A. Parete is survived by her loving friend, Polly Strait; her father, Anthony J. Sr. (Tammy) Parete; siblings, Anthony Jr. (Joyce), Maria, Jonanthony, and Angelina Parete; and one aunt, Jean Nagel; as well as her cousins, Jason and Chuck (Kristina) Nagel; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Police Officer Patricia A. Parete leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; she will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Patricia A. Parete, distinguished police officer and devoted member of her community, noting the significance of her contributions on behalf of the citizens of this noble Empire State and expressing its deepest condolences to her family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Patricia A. Parete.