

BY: Senator MARCHIONE

MOURNING the tragic and untimely death of New York State Trooper Timothy P. Pratt on October 26, 2016

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 his purposeful life and career in faithful service to his family and to the residents of South Glens Falls; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this Legislative Body records the passing of New York State Trooper Timothy P. Pratt, who made the ultimate sacrifice on Wednesday, October 26, 2016, while faithfully executing his responsibilities, serving with dedication, loyalty and compassion, and who devoted his purposeful life and career to serve and protect; and

WHEREAS, New York State Trooper Timothy P. Pratt exemplified what it truly means to give of himself in providing vital police services in keeping with the noble mission of the New York State Police; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Timothy P. Pratt, a 55-year-old resident of South Glens Falls, New York, died in the line of duty following a tragic automobile incident; and

WHEREAS, Born January 9, 1961, in Glens Falls, New York, Trooper Timothy P. Pratt was the son of the late Ruth M. (Wilsie) and Edward F. Pratt; he was a 1979 graduate of South Glens Falls High School; and

WHEREAS, Following graduation, 18-year-old Timothy P. Pratt joined the United States Air Force; he faithfully served his country for seven years before being honorably discharged in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Timothy P. Pratt began his life long career as a trooper with the New York State Police on March 30, 1987; the duration of his well-regarded career was spent patrolling in Troop G, based out of the Wilton Barracks; and

WHEREAS, He was assigned to the Traffic Incident Management (T.I.M.) detail; in addition, he was a proud member of the elite State Police Motorcycle Unit where he recently led the 9/11 Memorial Motorcycle Ride from Albany to New York City; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Timothy P. Pratt performed his duties with great honor, integrity and just pride; he was truly an exceptional role model and inspiration to his fellow officers; and

WHEREAS, Giving back to the South Glens Falls community where he both worked and resided, Trooper Timothy P. Pratt was a member of the American Legion Post 574 and participated in numerous volunteer events and charities; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Timothy P. Pratt's most cherished volunteer work was participating with the students during the annual South Glens Falls Marathon Dance as an alumni and member of the very first dance; and

WHEREAS, To countless people, Timothy P. Pratt was known as "the go to guy"; he was the one to call first when in a pinch or in need of a helping hand; simply because everyone knew, no matter what, he would be there; and

WHEREAS, When he was off duty, Timothy P. Pratt spent as much time as possible riding his Harley Davidson or driving his Shelby Mustangs; and

WHEREAS, He was the proud father of three loving children, Shane, James, and Sarah, and his love and affection for them as well as his grandchildren, baby girls Taegan Eichhorn and Charlee Pratt, his beloved fiancée, Sue Clarke, and her two children, Taylor and Hannah, have absolutely no measure; and

WHEREAS, Timothy P. Pratt was predeceased by his parents Edward and Ruth Pratt, one sister Patricia Hall, and his brother-in-law David LaFountain; in addition to his children, his grandchildren, fiancée and her children, he is survived by his siblings, Michael Pratt, Kathleen (Joseph) Bourdeau, Maureen (Michael) Leggett, Laurie LaFountain, Mary (Joe) Belair; brother-in-law, Paul (Linda) Flood; the Godon family; and many nieces and nephews; as well as the entire New York State Trooper family; and

WHEREAS, The South Glens Falls community and the entire State of New York has truly lost a prominent officer, father, grandfather, fiancée, brother, uncle and friend; he was recognized as a pillar within his community, always seeking to build the firmest foundations upon which South Glens Falls, New York State, and our Nation will continue to grow and prosper; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the tragic and untimely death of New York State Trooper Timothy P. Pratt, noting the significance of his contributions on behalf of the citizens of this noble Empire State, and expressing 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 New York State Trooper Timothy P. Pratt.