

Senate Resolution No. 585

BY: Senator MURPHY

RECOGNIZING the two-year Anniversary of the
Metro-North Railroad Accident in Valhalla, New York

WHEREAS, The State of New York is deeply saddened by tragic events which result in the loss of lives; and

WHEREAS, February 3, 2017, marks the two-year Anniversary of the tragic Metro-North Railroad accident at the crossing in Valhalla, New York; and

WHEREAS, On the evening of February 3, 2015, a commuter train on the Metro-North Railroad's Harlem line struck a passenger car, an SUV stuck inside the crossing gate at the grade crossing near Valhalla, New York, between the Valhalla and Mount Pleasant stations; and

WHEREAS, The driver of the SUV and five passengers on the train were killed in the accident; and

WHEREAS, Fifteen others were injured, including seven in very serious condition; and

WHEREAS, The accident was the deadliest in Metro-North's history; and

WHEREAS, Those lost in the accident were the driver of the SUV, Ellen Schaeffer Brody, 49; Robert Dirks, 36; Walter Liedtke, 69; Joseph Nadol, 42; Aditya Tomar, 41; and Eric Vandercar, 53; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize the two-year Anniversary of the Metro-North Railroad accident; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the accident survivors.