

Assembly Resolution No. 661

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CELEBRATING the life of Jason Cooper,
distinguished citizen and devoted member of his
community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Jason Cooper of New Suffolk, New York, died on June 7, 2017 at the age of 47; and

WHEREAS, A beloved 16-year-member of the Cutchogue Fire Department, Jason Cooper served his community in a plethora of ways over the course of his extraordinary life; before his death, he held the esteemed position of lieutenant with the fire department's water rescue team; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in New Suffolk, Jason Cooper graduated from Southold High School with the Class of 1988, before serving in the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Jason Cooper spent the past 18 years serving with the Air National Guard, most recently as an accessories branch master sergeant at Francis S. Gabreski Air National Guard Base in Westhampton Beach; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Jason Cooper successfully earned a seat on the New Suffolk Board of Education, further showing his commitment to both the citizens of New Suffolk, and his community at large; and

WHEREAS, To show appreciation for his lifelong contributions to the community, a roadway in Cutchogue, New York, will be posthumously named after Jason Cooper; and

WHEREAS, Jason Cooper is survived by the love of his life, Jeanette, as well as their children, Thomas, Robert, and Anna; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Jason Cooper leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the life of Jason Cooper, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Jason Cooper.