

BY: Senator KENNEDY

MOURNING the death of Chief Michael J. Sliwinski,
committed law enforcement officer and devoted member
of his 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 and hardworking police officer who dedicated his purposeful life and career in faithful service to both his community and the residents of New York State; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this Legislative Body records the passing of Chief Michael J. Sliwinski of Cheektowaga, New York, who died unexpectedly on Saturday, July 17, 2021, at the age of 55; and

WHEREAS, Truly giving of his heart and soul to his profession in law enforcement, Michael J. Sliwinski joined the Cheektowaga Police Department in 1991; he became a Lieutenant in 2004, and was promoted to Captain in 2011; and

WHEREAS, He continued to rise through the ranks becoming the Assistant Chief in 2018, and Chief of Police just two years later in February of 2020; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary officer served the citizens of Cheektowaga, New York, professionally, faithfully and loyally for three decades; he truly cared about his community more than himself; and

WHEREAS, Chief Michael J. Sliwinski responded to the scene in New York City on 9/11; he was also a vital part in the creation of the 2020 state-mandated police reform process; and

WHEREAS, Highly regarded and sincerely respected amongst his peers and by those he served and protected throughout his illustrious career, Chief Michael J. Sliwinski was well-versed in the law, well-spoken in all manners of communication, and was a tough but fair police officer to all he encountered; and

WHEREAS, Chief Michael J. Sliwinski was the beloved son of the late Melvin J. and Geraldine B. (nee Cwikalowski) Sliwinski; dearest brother of the late Darlene, Melvin Jr., and David J. Sliwinski; cherished nephew of Joyce (Richard) Taylor; he is also survived by the Meeson Family, and several nieces and nephews, as well as many friends; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Chief Michael J. Sliwinski 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; he 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 Chief Michael J. Sliwinski, and to express 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 Chief Michael J. Sliwinski.