

Senate Resolution No. 1961

BY: Senator MYRIE

COMMEMORATING the life and legacy of Ari Halberstam on the 28th Anniversary of his tragic murder

WHEREAS, On March 5, 1994, Ari Halberstam of Brooklyn, New York, tragically lost his life at the age of 16 as a result of an antisemitic terrorist attack at the Brooklyn Bridge; and

WHEREAS, One of the weapons used in this attack was a machine pistol, which was assembled from a kit sold through mail order and was legal because it did not include a finished receiver; and

WHEREAS, Over the past few years, New York has seen a renewed rise in antisemitism and antisemitic attacks; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence has also seen a revival, returning to levels not seen for years; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the living to honor the life and legacy of the lost and through their memory, we strengthen our resolve to save the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Ari Halberstam was a bright and passionate individual, as dedicated to his studies as he was to basketball; and

WHEREAS, In Ari's memory, his family led the fight to ensure New York would be a leader in protecting civilians from the gun kits that were used to kill Ari, brought that fight to Washington, D.C., and established the Jewish Children's Museum; and

WHEREAS, No one else should ever face the grief and trauma that comes with losing a child to gun violence; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the life and legacy of Ari Halberstam on the 28th Anniversary of his tragic murder, and to continue the fight against gun violence; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ari's mother, Devorah Halberstam.