

Senate Resolution No. 2732

BY: Senator ORTT

PAYING tribute to the life and valiant service of Security Guard and former Buffalo Police Officer Aaron Salter Jr. who died in the line of duty on May 14, 2022

WHEREAS, There are certain outstanding members of our community who, through their selfless commitment and dedication, have served to better the quality of life in our community and have had a measurable positive impact on the lives of its residents; Aaron Salter Jr. was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Aaron Salter Jr., who made the ultimate sacrifice on Saturday, May 14, 2022, while faithfully executing his responsibilities, serving with dedication, loyalty and compassion; and

WHEREAS, Aaron Salter Jr. laid down his life in a final act of valor to protect shoppers at Tops Friendly Markets in Buffalo, New York, a heroic act which saved lives and slowed the assault that would eventually cost him his life, along with nine others; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Lockport, New York, Aaron Salter Jr. served his beloved community as a member of the Buffalo Police Department for three decades, retiring in 2018 at the esteemed rank of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, With a love for cars, Aaron Salter Jr.'s latest passion was building environmentally sustainable vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Aaron Salter Jr. touched many through his kindness and commitment to service, and, as we recall the loss of this great man, we memorialize his remarkable life and the enormous impact he had on everyone with whom he came in contact; and

WHEREAS, While he was passionate about many things, above all his greatest passion was being a father to his three children; and

WHEREAS, Aaron Salter Jr.'s infinite selflessness and benevolence will shine on through his family's vivid and happy memories; his insight and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Aaron Salter Jr. leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all who were privileged to have known and loved such an amazing man; 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

pay tribute to the life and valiant service of Aaron Salter Jr., 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 Aaron Salter Jr.