

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Richard E. Riegel,
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 this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Richard E. Riegel of Hawthorne, New York, died on Friday, November 26, 2021, at the age of 62; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Westlake High School in 1978, Richard E. Riegel received a bachelor's degree from Villanova University, and later, a master's degree in public administration from Pace University in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Richard E. Riegel distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, He became a New York City Police Officer on January 26th, 1982, serving in the Warrant Squad and the Office of the Chief of Detectives for more than two decades until his retirement on October 4, 2003; and

WHEREAS, During his time with the NYPD, Richard E. Riegel also enlisted in the United States Navy Reserve, serving 14 years as an Intelligence Specialist from 1991 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, Richard E. Riegel's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Richard E. Riegel is survived by his sister, Dawn O'Conner; brother-in-law, Thomas; three nieces, Dawn, Bernadette, and Tara; a nephew, Shane; and his grandniece, Ella Ann Quinn; as well as his aunts, Nora Riegel and Harriet Schneider; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Richard E. Riegel 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 mourn the death of Richard E. Riegel, 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 Richard E. Riegel.