

Senate Resolution No. 394

BY: Senator GRIFFO

MOURNING the death of Chief Jason M. Buley,
committed law enforcement officer, family man 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 family and the residents of New York State; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this Legislative Body records the passing of Chief Jason M. Buley of Holland Patent, New York, who died unexpectedly on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at the age of 46; and

WHEREAS, Born on November 9, 1974, in New Hartford, Jason M. Buley was the son of Dorothy (Famolaro) Buley and the late John J. Buley; and

WHEREAS, Truly giving of his heart and soul to his profession in law enforcement, Jason M. Buley knew from a very young age he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps and become a patrolman; he steadfastly strived toward that goal and took the difficult steps necessary to become a member of the Whitesboro Police Department, the same Department his father served, in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Jason M. Buley served the citizens of Whitesboro, New York, professionally, faithfully and loyally for more than two decades, working his way up from Patrolman to Sergeant, and most recently as Chief of Department, the esteemed position he held so dear; and

WHEREAS, Highly regarded and sincerely respected amongst his peers and by those he served and protected throughout his illustrious career, Jason M. Buley 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, This extraordinary man proudly and diligently carried out the legacy of his father, not only garnering the attention and admiration of those who had known and worked with him, but also making a name for himself in the process; and

WHEREAS, With an untiring devotion to his family, Jason M. Buley took his younger brother Daniel under his wing and showed him the value of hard work, virtue and loyalty after the untimely death of their father; and

WHEREAS, Jason M. Buley met the love of his life, the former Lisa Rehm, in 1995, and four years later, in the summer of 1999, the couple was united in marriage before starting a family of their own; and

WHEREAS, An uncompromisingly dedicated father, Jason M. Buley shared knowledge, wisdom and more than a few laughs with his beloved children, Samantha and Nick; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Lisa and Jason shared a bond which is as rare as it is beautiful; through good times and laughs, and through staggering adversity and tragedy, they remained husband and wife, best friends, partners in life and outstanding parents; and

WHEREAS, In his free time, Jason M. Buley enjoyed being in his garage working on the family fleet of vehicles; he had a passion and self-taught enjoyment for working with cars and loved to spend summer days driving his Pontiac GTO or his lifted Jeep Wrangler; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, on any given summer evening or weekend you could find him grilling, doing yard work or wrenching on something with wheels; during the winter, he enjoyed playing pickup hockey as a goaltender; and

WHEREAS, An avid and lifelong Philadelphia Flyers fan, Jason M. Buley recently got a chance to meet his childhood idol, Flyers goalie Ron Hextall, at a game in Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his beloved son, Nicholas J. Buley; his father, John J. Buley; grandparents, Sam and Lucy Famolaro, and Ernie and Jeannine Foppes; and Aunt Josephine Grogan, among so many others he loved, Jason M. Buley is survived by his loving wife, Lisa; their daughter, Samantha; his mother, Dorothy; one brother, Daniel (Jaime); his mother-in-law, Julie; father-in-law, William; brother-in-law, B.J.; sisters-in-law, Kerri and Jennifer (Chris); his cherished aunts and uncles, Russ, Mike, Binnie, Sal and Marcia; cousins, Mike, Caitlin and Tammie; and his niece and nephews, Eden, Mitchell, Brendan and David, who adored their Uncle Jason and looked up to him so much; as well as many other cherished family, friends and co-workers; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Chief Jason M. Buley 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 Jason M. Buley, 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 Jason M. Buley.