

Senate Resolution No. 753

BY: Senator GAUGHRAN

MOURNING the tragic and untimely death of NYPD
Police Officer Anastasios Tsakos on Tuesday, April
27, 2021

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 police officer who dedicated his purposeful life and career in faithful service to his family and to the residents of New York City; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this Legislative Body records the passing of NYPD Police Officer Anastasios Tsakos, who made the ultimate sacrifice on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, while faithfully executing his responsibilities, serving with dedication, loyalty and compassion, and who devoted his purposeful life and career to serve and protect; and

WHEREAS, Officer Anastasios Tsakos exemplified what it truly means to give of himself in providing vital police services in keeping with the noble mission of the New York City Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Anastasios Tsakos, a 43-year-old resident of East Northport, New York, died in the line of duty following a tragic accident; and

WHEREAS, Early in the morning on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, Officer Anastasios Tsakos was struck by a passing vehicle as he stood next to his marked car while diverting traffic from a previous fatal crash on the Long Island Expressway in Queens; he was rushed in critical condition to New York-Presbyterian Queens Hospital, where he later succumbed to his injuries; and

WHEREAS, Anastasios Tsakos was the son of immigrants from Laconia, Greece; he grew up in Astoria, Queens, and was a graduate of St. Demetrios High School; he moved to Greece for a short time and served in the Greek military; and

WHEREAS, In January of 2007, Anastasios Tsakos joined the NYPD; upon graduating from the NYPD Academy, he was assigned to the 75th Precinct and the 83rd Precinct before being assigned to Highway 3; and

WHEREAS, Officer Anastasios Tsakos was a member of the St. Paul's Society, the NYPD Fraternal organization for Police Officers of the Eastern Orthodox Christian faith; and

WHEREAS, A 14-year veteran of the force and father of two small children, Officer Anastasios Tsakos and his wife recently purchased a home in East Northport; and

WHEREAS, Officer Anastasios Tsakos was affectionately known as

"Taso" to his neighbors; they knew him as a friendly, dedicated family man and an extremely hard worker; he frequently came to the aid of his neighbors when they were stricken with COVID-19 by bringing them food and items needed from the supermarket; he even helped one put up moulding; and

WHEREAS, Although he worked nights, Officer Anastasios Tsakos enjoyed playing with his kids during the day; and

WHEREAS, Officer Anastasios Tsakos gave 14 years to the NYPD, protecting its residents and making sure they stayed safe; he loved being a police officer and was dedicated to his profession and was well-respected by his fellow police officers who described him as "the best of the best"; and

WHEREAS, Officer Anastasios Tsakos performed his duties with great honor, integrity and pride; he was truly an exceptional role model and inspiration to his fellow officers; and

WHEREAS, Officer Anastasios Tsakos leaves behind his wife of seven years, Irene Tsakos; his six-year-old daughter, Jenny; three-and-a-half-year-old son, Stavros; older sister, Katina; and his younger brother, Lfteris; and

WHEREAS, The New York City community and the entire State of New York has lost a prominent officer, husband, father, brother, and friend; 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 in a moment of silence in tribute to NYPD Police Officer Anastasios Tsakos, whose unselfish concern for the welfare of others enhanced the lives of those fortunate to have called him family, colleague and friend, 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 NYPD Police Officer Anastasios Tsakos.