

Senate Resolution No. 975

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Peter Intervallo Sr.,
retired Yonkers Police Detective, 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, Peter Intervallo Sr. of Mahopac, New York, died on Saturday, May 8, 2021, at the age of 69; and

WHEREAS, Peter Intervallo Sr. was a retired Yonkers police detective with 37 years on the job; as a young officer with just three years of service under his belt, he and his partner, Thomas Chamberlain, worked tirelessly as they linked together the final piece of evidence that would lead to the arrest and conviction of one of the nation's most notorious serial killers, David Berkowitz, commonly known as the Son of Sam; and

WHEREAS, Peter Intervallo Sr. was 21 when he married his high school sweetheart, Joyce McEwan; they were the proud parents of three wonderful children; and

WHEREAS, A great athlete, Peter Intervallo Sr.'s greatest aspiration after graduating high school was to become a professional basketball player but he ended up following his second-favorite career choice, law enforcement; in September of 1973, he was sworn into the Yonkers Police Department; and

WHEREAS, In February 1977, Peter and Joyce Intervallo Sr. bought a home in Mahopac; it was just a few months later that the Son of Sam investigation really began to heat up and Peter Intervallo Sr. and his partner found themselves in the middle of it; and

WHEREAS, On August 10, 1977, David Berkowitz was taken into custody by New York City homicide detectives in front of his Yonkers apartment building; Peter Intervallo Sr. and Thomas Chamberlain's evidence was one of the two key leads that led to Berkowitz's arrest; and

WHEREAS, Peter Intervallo Sr. and Thomas Chamberlain were honored by the New York City Police Department for their efforts, which helped result in the capture of Berkowitz as Son of Sam; subsequently, they were promoted to the rank of Detective third grade by an act of the Yonkers City Council; and

WHEREAS, Peter Intervallo Sr. had an excellent conviction rate; some of his high-profile cases were written about in some renowned publications such as **Rolling Stone**; and

WHEREAS, When he was not protecting the citizens of New York State, Peter Intervallo Sr. was coaching several of his kid's sports teams including soccer, baseball and basketball, through the Mahopac Sports Association; and

WHEREAS, He also coached ice hockey with the Putnam Hockey Association, Hickory Hill Association and several others; he was instrumental in starting the Mahopac High School Ice Hockey program where he also coached; and

WHEREAS, Most notably, as the General Manager and Head Coach of the Empire State Games Hudson Valley Region Men's Ice Hockey program, Peter Intervallo Sr. earned a Bronze medal; furthermore, he played in a softball league; and

WHEREAS, A great teacher and role model, Peter Intervallo Sr. was the proud father of three children: a daughter who is a teacher in Yonkers, and two sons, both of whom followed in their father's footsteps and joined the Yonkers Police Department; his older son is a detective and, with his father's permission, wears the same detective shield number, 692; his younger son, a patrol officer, wears the same silver shield that his father wore when he was a patrol officer; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Peter Intervallo Sr. 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 Peter Intervallo Sr., 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 Peter Intervallo Sr.