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MOURNING the death of Philip Carollo, beloved Principal, devoted husband and father, and distinguished member of his community

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; Philip Carollo was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Philip Carollo, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Philip Carollo of Tottenville, Staten Island, New York, died on March 1, 2022, at the age of 49; and

WHEREAS, Born on April 29, 1972, and raised in Brooklyn, New York, Philip Carollo, most affectionately known as Phil, attended Xaverian High School; he held a Master's degree in Education from the University of Phoenix and a Master's degree in Administration from The College of Staten Island; he also held a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology from St. John's University; and

WHEREAS, Philip Carollo began his teaching career in 2001 at PS 44 in Mariners Harbor; after a decade as a teacher, he served as the assistant principal of PS 22 in Graniteville for seven years before taking on the role of principal of PS 56 in Rossville in 2017; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious tenure, this adored principal hosted trunk-or-treats and color-a-thon fundraisers for the school; he led his students and staff, along with the SSG Michael Ollis Freedom Foundation's Operation Ollis, sending supplies to military personnel overseas; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he was a strong advocate for student and school safety, especially in the surrounding streets and sidewalks of PS 56, and when COVID-19 shuttered schools, he read a bedtime story to his students every night on Facebook to ensure they knew he was with them through the uncertainty of a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, A man of indomitable faith and dedication, Philip Carollo leaves behind more than mere bricks and mortar; he leaves behind a legacy to his family, friends, the students of PS 56 and to the community-at-large; a legacy to love freely, to speak kindly, to raise people up, to remain calm, to not hold grudges, and to smile; and

WHEREAS, While he was passionate about many things, above all his greatest passion was being a father to his children, being "Uncle Phil" to his nieces and nephews, cooking for family and friends, and providing

a loving environment for all of his students at PS 56; and

WHEREAS, Philip Carollo is survived by his wife of 17 years, Erin Carollo; daughter, Sophia Carollo; son, Giovanni Carollo; father, Giovanni Carollo; mother, Pietra Carollo; sister, Maria Concetta Cipriano; brother-in-law, Anthony Cipriano; sister-in-law, Jennifer Lioce; brother-in-law, Chris Lioce; nephews, Salvatore Cipriano, John Cipriano and Christopher Lioce; nieces, Cristina Cipriano and Jessica Lioce; great-nephews, Antonino Cipriano and Michael Cipriano; and great-nieces, Maria Lina Cipriano and Valentina Cipriano; and

WHEREAS, Philip Carollo'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, Philip Carollo 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 mourn the death of Philip Carollo, 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 Philip Carollo.