

Senate Resolution No. 1145

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of John S. Welch, family man, retired police officer, 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, It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of John S. Welch, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, John S. Welch of Mahopac, New York, passed away on April 6, 2023, at the age of 56; and

WHEREAS, John S. Welch was born on January 13, 1967, to Edward and Anne (Stevens) Welch in the Bronx, New York, where he attended Mount Saint Michael Academy; after graduating he earned both his bachelor's degree and law degree from St. John's University; and

WHEREAS, On July 20, 1989, John S. Welch married the love of his life and best friend Kerry, and together, they raised three wonderful children; and

WHEREAS, For 26 years, John S. Welch proudly served as a police officer for the New York Police Department (NYPD); after many years on patrol, he was assigned to the Legal Bureau, where he worked as an attorney for the NYPD until his retirement in 2012; thereafter, he continued working as an attorney, initially in private practice, and later as staff counsel for Allstate Insurance Company; and

WHEREAS, John S. Welch loved working with his hands and his passion was building and repairing guitars, violins, and other string instruments; he was also an active parishioner of Christ the King Church in Ridgefield, Connecticut, and enjoyed spending time with his beloved family; and

WHEREAS, John S. Welch is survived by his wife, Kerry; two sons, Patrick J. (Melissa), and Edward T.; one daughter, Brigid M.; two brothers, Edward (Regina) and Patrick; and two sisters, Catherine Murphy and Mary (Frank) Brigante, as well as numerous friends who will long cherish his memory; and

WHEREAS, John S. Welch'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, John S. Welch 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 John S. Welch 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 John S. Welch.