

Senate Resolution No. 2073

BY: Senator ASHBY

MOURNING the death of Casey Frankoski, Chief Warrant Officer 2 in the New York Army National Guard

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, Casey Frankoski of Rensselaer, New York, died on Friday, March 8, 2024, at the age of 28; and

WHEREAS, Casey Frankoski distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, While on a federal mission with the National Guard, Casey Frankoski's helicopter crashed near the southern border of Texas where she and other soldiers were assigned to a regiment that has been operating as part of Joint Task Force North, a military unit which supports U.S. Customs and Border Protection operations on the southwestern border of the United States; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Columbia High School and Schenectady County Community College where she received a degree in social science, Casey Frankoski was in pursuit of receiving a bachelor's degree in emergency management at Excelsior College; she later Enlisted in the New York Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Casey Frankoski has served in the New York Army National Guard since 2016, and was appointed as Chief Warrant Officer in 2019 and trained to become a UH-60 Black Hawk and UH-72 Lakota helicopter pilot; she was promoted to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 2 in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Casey Frankoski also deployed to Kuwait, from November of 2018 to September of 2019, with Detachment 5, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 245th Aviation Regiment as a Mission Planner; and

WHEREAS, She was later deployed as a pilot to Texas with the Detachment 2, Company A, 1st Battalion, 224 Aviation Regiment to patrol the United States-Mexico border on October 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Her military awards include the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Basic Aviator Badge, and the Basic Aviation Badge; and

WHEREAS, At home, Casey Frankoski was previously a volunteer firefighter at the Best Luther Fire Department, a member of the Environmental Conservation Corp., and was a current member of the American Legion Gerald O'Neil Post 1683; and

WHEREAS, In her spare time, Casey Frankoski enjoyed spending time visiting her family's camp, jet skiing, fishing, and traveling the world, with her journeys taking her to such beautiful places as Spain, Brazil, Poland, and most recently, Alaska on a cherished family trip; she additionally was a fan of attending concerts and was a lover of country music; and

WHEREAS, Casey Frankoski is survived by her parents, James and Jill; grandfather, Raymond; brothers, Jesse and Tyler; sisters-in-law, Lindsey and Autumn; nieces and nephews, Stella, Peyton, Xylas, Charlotte, Mia, and Finnley; her soulmate, Anthony; aunts and uncles, Lisa, Theodore, Fred, Anthony, Joanne, and Roseann; she is also survived by her many cousins, loved ones, and friends whom she loved as though they were family, as well as her three cats, Lulu, Millie, and Juju; and

WHEREAS, Casey Frankoski is predeceased by grandparents Mary Kay, Theodore, and Rose; and

WHEREAS, Known for her fun, determined, empathetic, and loving nature, Casey Frankoski's commitment to excellence and spirit of humanity carried over into all fields of enterprise; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Casey Frankoski leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Casey Frankoski, Chief Warrant Officer 2 in the New York Army National Guard; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Casey Frankoski.