

Senate Resolution No. 2258

BY: Senator HOYLMAN-SIGAL

MOURNING the death of Ava Conklin, beloved daughter and sister, bright student, and cherished friend to many

WHEREAS, It is with feelings of deepest regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Ava Conklin, an exceptional young woman whose unending joy, spirit of generosity, and sincerity endure through all those who knew her; and

WHEREAS, Ava Conklin of New York, New York died on June 24, 2023, at the age of 19; and

WHEREAS, A young woman raised in the Hell's Kitchen neighborhood of New York City, who also spent considerable time on the Rockaway Peninsula in Queens, Ava Conklin was a student and psychology major at Northern Vermont University; her eagerness to learn rivaled only her passion for performing arts and theater, as exemplified by a special love for Broadway and performances of her own; and

WHEREAS, Ava Conklin was known by her family as an eternally happy spirit, with an old soul but a child's heart, known for her love of ice cream, travel, animals, and music, most notably the Beatles; she knew the joy of bringing happiness to others and always found time for family, even when there seemed to be none; and

WHEREAS, Her bright light still shines through the people she unexpectedly brought together, including unlikely friendships built among Ava Conklin's friends of all different eras of her life; these enduring relationships continue to reflect her outgoing spirit and innate generosity; and

WHEREAS, Ava Conklin is survived by her mother, Chrissy Collins; father, Matthew Conklin; siblings, Emma, Hudson, Dylan, Gabby, and Peyton; dear lifelong friends, Samantha, Kilsey, Mina, Eddie, Patrick, Heaven, and Mya, to whom she was closest for the longest period; and

WHEREAS, Characterized by a profound capacity for love, be it for family, friends, or the Earth, Ava Conklin leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she knew and all those who loved her; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Ava Conklin, and to express its deepest condolences to her family, friends, and community; and be it further

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