

BY: Senator ROLISON

HONORING the life and legacy of Zone Sergeant
James G. Sweeney

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers and citizens who would devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, Born on March 25, 1952, in Manhattan, New York, Zone Sergeant James G. Sweeney led a remarkably accomplished life; on August 28, 1976, he married Noreen Di Marzio, the love of his life; and

WHEREAS, After the events on September 11, 2001, Zone Sergeant James G. Sweeney was assigned to New York City as part of the New York State Police Detail to aid with the search and recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, Joining the State Police on February 20, 1978, Zone Sergeant James G. Sweeney served for 29 years and retired on February 27, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Influencing positive change, Zone Sergeant James G. Sweeney helped to rename two overpasses in memoriam to two of his fallen colleagues; he was a proud member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Fraternal Order of Police, the International Police Association, and the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, As a testament to his incredible impact on New York State, a bill was passed in his honor to amend the highway law to designate a portion of the state highway system as the "Zone Sergeant James G. Sweeney Memorial Bridge"; and

WHEREAS, Zone Sergeant James G. Sweeney of New York City, New York, died on March 6, 2021, at the age of 68; and

WHEREAS, Zone Sergeant James G. Sweeney's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Zone Sergeant James G. Sweeney is survived by his wife, Noreen, son, and three daughters; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Zone Sergeant James G. Sweeney 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the life and legacy of Zone Sergeant James G. Sweeney; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Zone Sergeant James G. Sweeney.