

Senate Resolution No. 1121

**BY:** Senator HARCKHAM

**MOURNING** the death of Robert Violante,  
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 the great State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert Violante of Somers, New York, died on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at the age of 45; and

**WHEREAS,** Born on December 21, 1979, in Yonkers, New York, to loving parents Frank and Martha Violante, Robert Violante was the middle child of three sons; he shared a close bond with his beloved brothers, Chris and Brian; and

**WHEREAS,** A gifted athlete from a young age, Robert Violante shined at Somers High School as a standout in both football and basketball; his talents and fierce determination led him to Iona University, where he played collegiate football; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert Violante continued his prolific athletic career at the University of Delaware; he then earned a degree in Special Education at Mercy College and later obtained a master's degree in Educational Administration; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert Violante distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

**WHEREAS,** Dedicating his life to education and leadership, Robert Violante began his professional journey as a special education teacher and rose to the role of Dean of Students at Bergenfield High School in New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS,** Taking his passion and talent for sports, Robert Violante diligently coached both varsity football and track where he inspired countless students on and off the field; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert Violante's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

**WHEREAS,** Known for his warmth, leadership, and unwavering commitment to those around him, Robert Violante is remembered as a beloved son, brother, uncle, and coach; his presence touched the lives of many and leaves behind a legacy of kindness, strength, and dedication; and

**WHEREAS,** Robert Violante is survived by his parents, Frank and

Martha; his brothers, Chris (Hoda) and Brian (Laura); his cherished nephews, Andrew, Cameron, Dylan, and Jordan; his precious niece, Natalie; and his longtime loving girlfriend, Dana Brescia; and

**WHEREAS**, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Robert Violante 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 mourn the death of Robert Violante, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Robert Violante.