Senate Resolution No. 1367

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Patricia Rathschmidt, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her 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 endeavors served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Rathschmidt of Mahopac, New York died on July 12, 2025 at the age of 69; and

WHEREAS, Born on July 1, 1956, in The Bronx, New York to Bill and Bridie VanSlyck, Patricia Rathschmidt grew up in Yonkers, New York, in a large and loving family alongside her siblings: MaryJane Begley, Bill VanSlyck, Denise O'Neill, Peter VanSlyck, Jimmy VanSlyck, and Kim VanSlyck; and

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

WHEREAS, With a warm, compassionate heart, Patricia Rathschmidt made caring for others her professional career, first as a nurse, then later as a nursing manager in various nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Rathschmidt was known as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, niece, daughter, friend, advocate, and leader; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Rathschmidt's commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Alongside her husband, Patricia Rathschmidt co-founded United For The Troops, a nonprofit organization that has touched the lives of thousands of service members across the globe, sending care packages and spreading love and gratitude to those far from home; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Rathschmidt is survived by her beloved husband, James Rathschmidt; her children, Denise Iarussi (Dan), Kathy Moberg (Robert), Michael Kelly (Jen), Tracy Barrows (Michael), Tracy Hascup, James Rathschmidt, and Teresa Reuter (Brian); her cherished 12 grandchildren, Brandt, Rori, Maci, Addisyn, John, Charlotte, Sophie, Connor, Jaelynn, Danny, Katie, and Dillon; and her many nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends; she is predeceased by her beloved son, Luke Rathschmidt; and her parents, Bill and Bridie VanSlyck; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Patricia Rathschmidt 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 Patricia Rathschmidt, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; and be it further

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