

**BY:** Senator HARCKHAM

**MOURNING** the death of Richard Brian Cassolino,  
distinguished citizen and devoted family man

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lives exemplify the highest ideals of family, service, and community, and whose passing leaves a void in the lives of those they loved and served; and

**WHEREAS,** It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Richard Brian Cassolino of Peekskill, New York, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, veteran, and friend, who died on Thursday, April 30, 2025, at the age of 74; and

**WHEREAS,** Richard Brian Cassolino was born on May 30, 1950, in Southington, Connecticut, the cherished son of Elizabeth (McGinn) Cassolino and the late Richard Cassolino; and

**WHEREAS,** Known to many as "Rick," he brought joy and vitality to all who knew him through his musical talents, adventurous spirit, and unwavering enthusiasm; and

**WHEREAS,** A proud veteran of the United States Coast Guard, Rick Cassolino's years of service were marked by a commitment to duty and a love for the sea that continued throughout his life, including memorable trips aboard his beloved sailboat, the Outlandish, to Block Island and beyond; and

**WHEREAS,** Richard Brian Cassolino was the devoted husband of Virginia Cassolino, the loving father of David Cassolino, Kathleen Barnett, and Christine Cassolino, and the adored grandfather of Eliza Barnett; he is also survived by his brother, Brent Cassolino, and a host of extended family members and friends whose lives were touched by his guidance, humor, and generous spirit; and

**WHEREAS,** Richard Brian Cassolino's infinite selflessness and benevolence will shine on through his family's vivid and happy memories; his musicality, storytelling, and sense of leadership brought people together and left an indelible mark on his family and community; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Richard Brian Cassolino leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all who were privileged to have known and loved such an amazing man; he will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Richard Brian Cassolino, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Richard Brian Cassolino.