

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the untimely death of Jose O. Rosario, beloved coach 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 endeavors served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Jose O. Rosario, of Washingtonville, New York, died on March 30, 2015, at the age of 44, while saving the lives of his son and two of his friends from drowning while vacationing in Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, Born on June 4, 1970, in Manhattan, New York, Jose O. Rosario, affectionately known as Joe, was the son of Carmelo A. Rosario, Sr. and Maria De Jesus; and

WHEREAS, Jose O. Rosario distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, After 21 years of distinguished service, Jose O. Rosario recently retired from the New York City Police Department; he was known as a man who was willing to help those in need, and for always wearing a smile; and

WHEREAS, Jose O. Rosario's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, An active member of the Washingtonville community, this esteemed man dedicated his life to working with children in youth sports, serving as a board member of Washingtonville Youth Football and Cheerleading League, a Little League Coach, and a volunteer for CYO Basketball; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his brother, Carmelo, Jr., Jose O. Rosario is survived by his loving wife, the former Inez Candelaria; their two children, Noah and Anais; one step-daughter, Leshia; his grandson, Gabriel; his parents, Carmelo Sr. and Maria; and six siblings, Jimmy, Emilio, Alicia, Helen, Melany, and Yolanda; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Jose O. Rosario leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all those he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the untimely death of Jose O. Rosario, beloved coach 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 Jose O. Rosario.