

Senate Resolution No. 2093

BY: Senator THOMAS

MOURNING the death of William J. Leahy, longtime Port Authority Police Officer, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of the loss of a courageous and hardworking police officer who dedicated his purposeful life and career in faithful service to both his family and the residents of New York State; and

WHEREAS, It is also with profound sorrow that this Legislative Body, representing the people of the State of New York, is moved this day to pay tribute to an eminent man of indomitable dedication whose public service and countless accomplishments will forever stand as a paradigm and inspiration for others; and

WHEREAS, William "Billy" James Leahy of Levittown, New York, died on Thursday, June 6, 2019, at the age of 49; and

WHEREAS, William J. Leahy grew up in Hicksville, New York, where he attended Hicksville High School and had an especially close relationship with his family; and

WHEREAS, After serving with the NYPD for one year, William J. Leahy began his illustrious career with the Port Authority in 1993, working in the agency's marine, cargo and heavy weapons units, as well as the plainclothes unit at Kennedy Airport; and

WHEREAS, During his 26-year tenure with the Port Authority, William J. Leahy was one of the brave first responders who spent days participating in the rescue and recovery efforts after the horrific World Trade Center 9/11 attack; and

WHEREAS, William J. Leahy distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; he will be remembered as a caring, funny and loyal man who truly loved his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, William J. Leahy 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 William J. Leahy, longtime Port Authority Police Officer, 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 parents of William J. Leahy, William and Kathleen

Leahy.