

**BY:** Senator BIAGGI

**MOURNING** the death of Jenna Ellen Melanson,  
distinguished educator 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 endeavor  
served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and this  
great Empire State; and

**WHEREAS,** Jenna Ellen Melanson of Brooklyn, New York, died on  
Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at the age of 37; and

**WHEREAS,** Born on February 17, 1984, in North Adams, Massachusetts,  
Jenna Ellen Melanson was the daughter of Suzanne Sinclitico Salerno and  
Dean Melanson; and

**WHEREAS,** Jenna Ellen Melanson graduated from Mt. Greylock High  
School in 2002, before graduating from MCLA, Class of 2006; and

**WHEREAS,** After college, Jenna Ellen Melanson worked in the North  
Adams School System as a teacher's aide; her interest was working with  
special need children; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2017, Jenna Ellen Melanson moved to New York City to  
further her education attending Brooklyn College where she received an  
advance autism certification; two years later, she was excepted into the  
Master of Social Work program at Fordham University where she would have  
graduated from in May of this year; and

**WHEREAS,** Jenna Ellen Melanson distinguished herself in her  
profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to  
the welfare of her community; and

**WHEREAS,** Jenna Ellen Melanson's lifelong dream was to "Save the  
World" and help others; anyone who knew her knew of her willingness to  
assist others and to always go the extra mile; and

**WHEREAS,** Jenna Ellen Melanson had a crazy laugh and a love for  
politics; through her Fordham Master of Social Work program, she worked  
as an intern for New York State Senator Alessandra Biaggi from the Fall  
of 2020 until March of 2021; in her honor, the Senator's District Office  
Intern Program will be named the Jenna Melanson Intern Program; and

**WHEREAS,** Predeceased by her grandparents, Louis "Pappa" and  
Constance "Nonnie" Sinclitico, her Aunt Joan Brightman, Grandfather  
Lloyd Melanson, and Step Father Joe Salerno, Jenna Ellen Melanson is  
survived by her wife, Jaimie (Jones) Melanson who she married September  
22, 2017; her brother, Chad Melanson and his wife, Gift, and their  
daughter, Brianna; two aunts, Diane Dickerman and her husband, Charlie,  
and Julie Hanify who Jenna lived with for several years in Hancock; and

her grandmother, Carol Melanson; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Jenna Ellen Melanson 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; she will be truly missed by many; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Jenna Ellen Melanson, and to express its most sincere condolences to her family; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Jenna Ellen Melanson.