

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Danielle Marie Coletta, well-liked and respected teacher, 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 endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Danielle Marie Coletta of Peekskill, New York, died on Monday, February 22, 2021, at the age of 48; and

WHEREAS, A sixth-grade teacher at Mildred E. Strang Middle School in Yorktown, New York, Danielle Marie Coletta distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, Her career began at Columbus Elementary School in Hawthorne, teaching second grade, followed by many years at Brookside Elementary School in Yorktown, as a third-grade teacher; and

WHEREAS, Danielle Marie Coletta attended George Washington Elementary School in Mohegan Lake, Copper Beech Middle School, and Walter Panas High School in Cortlandt Manor; and

WHEREAS, She graduated from Pace University in Pleasantville, New York, with a bachelor's degree in Education, and Western Connecticut University where she received a master's degree in Education; and

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

WHEREAS, She was a lover of animals and she spent many years of service volunteering in such organizations as HEART, PACT and The Guiding Eyes for the Blinds; she also loved horseback riding and, while in college at Pace University, was a member of the Equestrian team; and

WHEREAS, Danielle Marie Coletta is survived by her parents, Susann and Joseph Coletta; her brother, John (Jill) and their children, Aidan, Ethan, and Jack Coletta; and her three sisters, Kristin (Charles) and their children, Janna, Kailee, and Madison Di Vico; Lianne (Edward) Navedo; and Jaclyn (Dustin) and their children, Cameron and Carter Lucas; as well as many cousins and friends; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Danielle Marie Coletta leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she taught, served and befriended; she will be remembered for her devotion to the teaching profession and will be truly missed by many;

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Danielle Marie Coletta, and to express its deepest condolences to her family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Danielle Marie Coletta.