

Senate Resolution No. 1754

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Frank Ritacco, distinguished citizen, firefighter, 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 endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Frank Ritacco of Somers, New York, died on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at the age of 28; and

WHEREAS, Born on June 20, 1997, in New Rochelle, New York, to Maureen and the late Frank D. Ritacco, Frank Ritacco was raised in Pelham, New York, and graduated from Pelham Memorial High School; and

WHEREAS, Filled with a desire to serve his community, Frank Ritacco proudly joined the Somers Volunteer Fire Department; his time in the fire department brought him immense joy and fulfillment; and

WHEREAS, Oftentimes, Frank Ritacco could be seen representing the Somers Volunteer Fire Department with his clothing, and he was known to support all first responders for their selfless commitment to helping their communities; and

WHEREAS, Frank Ritacco distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Frank Ritacco's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Frank Ritacco was always a passionate sports fan, and his favorite team was the New York Mets; and

WHEREAS, Those who had the pleasure of knowing Frank Ritacco will remember him for his kind soul, bright smile, and cherished laughter; and

WHEREAS, Frank Ritacco is survived by his mother, Maureen; his aunts, Roseann Ritacco, Kathleen Alewine, Diane, Anne Martin, and Tina Settembrino; his uncles, Joseph, Brian, and Stephen Murray; and many cousins in New York, Ohio, Virginia, North Carolina, and Florida; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Frank Ritacco 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 Frank Ritacco, distinguished citizen, firefighter, 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 Frank Ritacco.