Senate Resolution No. 1799

BY: Senator MATTERA

MOURNING the untimely death and paying tribute to the life and heroic service of Nassau County Police Officer Patricia Espinosa who died on Saturday, January 31, 2026

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartful regret in recognition of the untimely death of a courageous police officer who dedicated her purposeful life and career in faithful service to her family and to the residents of Nassau County, New York; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this Legislative Body records the passing of Nassau County Police Officer Patricia Espinosa, who tragically died in a car accident while driving to work on Saturday, January 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Officer Patricia Espinosa emigrated from Quito, Ecuador when she was 21, and quickly upon arriving in the United States, she learned English and began building a career centered on public service and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Having previously served as a New York State correctional officer, Officer Patricia Espinosa made the brave commitment in 2017 to serve the residents of Nassau County by joining the Nassau County Police Department, a job that she dreamed of having when she arrived in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Officer Patricia Espinosa worked in the Fifth Precinct of the Nassau County Police Department, stationed in Elmont, New York; and

WHEREAS, Determined to make a difference both within and outside the Nassau County Police Department, Officer Patricia Espinosa was actively involved with the Nassau County Police Hispanic Society, served as a field training officer, and participated in youth mentorship initiatives and community outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, Those who had the privilege of working alongside Officer Patricia Espinosa describe her as strong, deeply compassionate, and known for being a community favorite with an infectious smile; and

WHEREAS, Officer Patricia Espinosa exemplified what it truly means to give of herself in providing vital police services in keeping with the noble mission of the Nassau County Police Department; and

WHEREAS, A true hero, Officer Patricia Espinosa is survived by her loving husband, Nassau County Police Officer Francisco Malaga; her beloved two-year-old daughter, Mia; her siblings; and many others who had the privilege of knowing her; and

WHEREAS, Officer Patricia Espinosa's infinite selflessness and

benevolence will shine on through her family's vivid and happy memories; her life of service and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light, and hope to the countless lives she touched; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Officer Patricia Espinosa leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all who were privileged to have known and loved such an amazing woman; she will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the untimely death of Nassau County Police Officer Patricia Espinosa, 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 Nassau County Police Officer Patricia Espinosa.