

Senate Resolution No. 2294

**BY:** Senator HARCKHAM

**MOURNING** the death of Carlos Torres, distinguished citizen 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 endeavors served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Carlos (Tito) Torres of Elmsford, New York, died on April 19, 2026, at the age of 52; and

**WHEREAS,** Born on May 7, 1973, in Brooklyn, New York, to Iris Colon and Roberto Torres where he grew up with his brothers Henry and Joe Colon, Carlos Torres was a United States Marine veteran known by family and friends for his "infectious smile," sense of humor, and strong work ethic; and

**WHEREAS,** On September 9, 2000, Carlos Torres married his soulmate, Fabiana Torres (Lamela), and together they built a life defined by love, laughter and family; and

**WHEREAS,** Carlos Torres distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

**WHEREAS,** Carlos Torres spent 24 years working in Elmsford's Water Department and also served the community in multiple roles, including as a firefighter and police constable; and

**WHEREAS,** Carlos Torres' commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

**WHEREAS,** Beyond his municipal work, Carlos Torres worked in security roles in recent years, including as a supervisor at Shrub Oak International School and his history of service included life-saving efforts recognized by local officials; and

**WHEREAS,** In one instance, Carlos Torres helped rescue an elderly man from a house fire, using his own clothing to keep the victim warm before rushing him to an ambulance; he also assisted in freeing a driver trapped in a crash involving a utility pole under dangerous conditions; and

**WHEREAS,** After Carlos Torres' death, Elmsford Mayor Robert Williams ordered village flags lowered to half-staff from Monday, April 20, through Thursday, April 23, 2026, in his honor; and

**WHEREAS,** Carlos Torres' life was marked by generosity, patience, and an enduring love for his family and community; and

**WHEREAS,** Carlos Torres is survived by his devoted wife of 25 years, Fabiana Torres; his children Errol (Veronica) and Xavier; his granddaughter, Khaleesi; and his extended family members which he adored and whom all loved him dearly; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Carlos Torres 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 Carlos Torres, 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 family of Carlos Torres.