

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Christopher Katz, dedicated U.S. Capitol Police Officer Recruit and cherished 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 the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to mourn the death of Christopher Katz, dedicated U.S. Capitol Police Officer Recruit and cherished member of his community; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Katz of Crompond, New York, died on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at the age of 22; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Katz distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community, State, and Nation; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Walter Panas High School, Christopher Katz joined the Army Reserve and excelled in Military Intelligence at Horsham before transitioning to the Military Police Unit in Maryland; while attending Temple University, he took on the rigorous challenge of ROTC, earning his commission as a Second Lieutenant while completing his criminal justice degree on time despite facing injuries along the way; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Katz, known among his classmates as USCP ROC 253, had deep respect for the critical role of protecting the Nation's elected officials and institutions of democracy and lived a life full of dedication, resilience, honor, courage, love, and kindness; and

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

WHEREAS, Christopher Katz's love for baseball, football, MMA, music, anime, and the outdoors was only surpassed by his devotion to family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Katz is survived by his parents, Lillian and Tom, and his brother, Mikey; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those dedicated law enforcement officers who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy and due full praise for their commitment and noble endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Christopher Katz 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 Christopher Katz, dedicated U.S. Capitol Police Officer Recruit and cherished member of this community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Christopher Katz.