Senate Resolution No. 588

BY: Senator WEBB

MOURNING the death of John "JR" Gaudet, distinguished citizen, respected 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, John "JR" Gaudet of Binghamton, New York, died in the line of duty on February 12, 2025, at the age of 40; and

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

WHEREAS, Born to Charles and Mary Ellen Gaudet, John Gaudet dedicated his life to his family, his community, and his heroic career as a firefighter; and

WHEREAS, John Gaudet was born and raised in Binghamton, New York, and his love for his community was exemplified by his love for his children, Charles, Vanessa, and Michael, and wife, Felly Gaudet, in Binghamton; and

WHEREAS, Having graduated from Binghamton High School in 2002, John Gaudet attended both Binghamton University and SUNY Cortland, where he played on the lacrosse teams for both schools; and

WHEREAS, John Gaudet's love for lacrosse, combined with his devotion to his community and family, led him to coach youth lacrosse teams for Binghamton, Seton, and Windsor school districts, in addition to coaching Binghamton youth football, basketball, and lacrosse for his son Charlie; and

WHEREAS, John Gaudet, lovingly called "JR" by cherished friends and family, always put others before himself both in and out of uniform, and his infectious smile, unmatched positivity, and honorable work ethic made him unforgettable to all whom he crossed paths with; and

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

WHEREAS, John Gaudet is survived by his loving wife, Felly Gaudet; three beloved children, Charles, Vanessa, and Michael; his parents, Charles and Mary Ellen Gaudet; his sister, Katherine Gaudet; his brother-in-law, Simon Agustinus, and his wife, Erin Agustinus, as well as their son, Maddox Agustinus; and childhood best friends, Dante DePersis and Michael Marion; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, John Gaudet 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 John "JR" Gaudet, distinguished citizen, respected 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 John "JR" Gaudet.