

Assembly Resolution No. 1457

**BY:** M. of A. Fitzpatrick

**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 heartfelt 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.