Assembly Resolution No. 1564

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HONORING James "Jimmy O" O'Pharrow posthumously upon the occasion of the co-renaming of Hornell Loop in Brooklyn, New York, in recognition of his contributions to his community and the sport of boxing

WHEREAS, From time to time, this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society, publicly acknowledging their noble endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor James "Jimmy O" O'Pharrow posthumously upon the occasion of the co-renaming of Hornell Loop in Brooklyn, New York, in recognition of his contributions to his community and the sport of boxing; a commemorative event was held on Friday, May 22, 2026, at Pennsylvania Avenue and Hornell Loop; and

WHEREAS, James O'Pharrow, affectionately known as "Jimmy O" to many, was the founder of Starrett City Boxing Club in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Starrett City Boxing frequently works with young people who aspire to be professional fighters, as well as those who simply want to stay fit and learn about boxing, offering training not only in the sport, but also in life skills; and

WHEREAS, The boxing club is highly regarded for training and mentoring young boxers, providing both athletic training and life guidance in an environment that aims to promote discipline and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, James O'Pharrow always worked diligently and with passion to shape the character of his fighters, instilling in them strong values which guide them both inside and outside the boxing ring; and

WHEREAS, Starrett City Boxing is situated between the Spring Creek Towers and has become a well-known institution which has shaped boxing culture in the local community and beyond for many years; and

WHEREAS, James O'Pharrow, a mentor with great vision, guided by the principles of respect, resilience, and purpose, saw the sport of boxing as a way to provide structure, discipline, and focus to at-risk youth, helping them stay off the streets and away from negative influences; and

WHEREAS, Despite the myriad challenges that community-based programs experience, James O'Pharrow consistently persevered as a result of his unwavering dedication, resilience, foresight, and strength for the club and the residents of Brooklyn and beyond; and

WHEREAS, James O'Pharrow distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community, justly meriting the recognition of this Legislative Body and the residents of the Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor James "Jimmy O" O'Pharrow posthumously upon the occasion of the co-renaming of Hornell Loop in Brooklyn, New York, in recognition of his contributions to his community and the sport of boxing; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of James "Jimmy O" O'Pharrow.