

**BY:** M. of A. Slater

**MOURNING** the death of Kevin Sheil, past President  
of the Fraternal Order of Police

**WHEREAS,** It is with deep sorrow that the New York State Assembly acknowledges the passing of Kevin Sheil, past President of the 900-member Putnam Chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police, who passed away on Sunday, January 19, 2025, at the age of 82; and

**WHEREAS,** Kevin Sheil was a man dedicated to service, and he will be remembered fondly by his family, friends, and community for his unwavering commitment to his work, his loved ones, and the betterment of those around him; and

**WHEREAS,** Following a distinguished military career as a U.S. Marine, Kevin Sheil went on to serve with honor as a member of the New York City Police Department, dedicating many years to protecting and serving others; and

**WHEREAS,** Sheil's son, Kevin, fondly remembered his father for "his dedication to work that was matched by his dedication to family and his community;" his son Michael eloquently stated that his father's life embodied the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson: "The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate and to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well"; and

**WHEREAS,** Kevin Sheil was a devoted family man, taking immense pride in the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren, and imparting to them the values of kindness, integrity, and the importance of community service; his grandchildren were his greatest joy, and he was a constant source of support and encouragement, attending their events and games; and

**WHEREAS,** Kevin Sheil's daughter Tracey remarked that her father's life was a "tapestry of love, service, and community," and that his friendly demeanor and engaging conversations will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him; and

**WHEREAS,** Kevin Sheil is survived by his children Kevin, Michael, Tracey, and Danean, along with four beloved grandchildren; he was predeceased by his wife, Michelina, who passed away in 1998; a funeral mass will be held on Friday, January 24, 2025, at St. James Church in Carmel, followed by his burial at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne, where he will be laid to rest alongside his beloved wife; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to extend its heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of Kevin Sheil, and honor his remarkable life of service, leadership, and love; his dedication to his family, his community, and his country leaves an

enduring legacy of kindness, integrity, and compassion; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Kevin Sheil and to the Putnam Chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police, in recognition of his life well-lived and his invaluable contributions to the community and beyond.