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Senate Resolution No. 1656

BY: Senator ROLISON

MOURNING the death of Sergeant Daniel Paul DiDato of the East Fishkill Police Department

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, Daniel Paul DiDato of East Fishkill, New York, died on Monday, December 18, 2023, at the age of 47; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Paul DiDato distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

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

WHEREAS, Daniel Paul DiDato was born to Robert and Edvige DiDato in Bronx, New York, on February 29, 1976; in 1985, he and his family moved to Hopewell Junction; he graduated from John Jay Senior High School in 1994 and obtained an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts from Dutchess Community College in 2001; and WHEREAS, In 2001, Daniel Paul DiDato's career began as a patrol officer at the New York City Department of Environmental Protection where he served for four years; in 2005, he continued his service to his community with the East Fishkill Police Department where he performed his duties for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, While serving and protecting the people of the Town of East Fishkill, Daniel Paul DiDato was a field training officer and earned two lifesaving awards; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Paul DiDato was a vital member of his community, well known around town, and left an extraordinary impression; he was revered as a dedicated and courageous police officer with enthusiasm for his job and police department and pride in representing law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, In his personal life, Daniel Paul DiDato was an avid fan of New York's sports teams, the Rangers and the Yankees; he considered himself to be a food (and pizza) connoisseur; and

WHEREAS, Remembered by family members, friends, and colleagues as fun, witty, caring, genuine, and reliable, Daniel Paul DiDato has affected many individuals who were fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Paul DiDato is survived by his parents, Robert and Edvige (Miniaci) DiDato; brothers, Robert J. DiDato and Mark J. DiDato; many cousins; countless friends; and brothers and sisters in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Daniel Paul DiDato 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 Sergeant Daniel Paul DiDato of the East Fishkill Police Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Sergeant Daniel Paul DiDato.