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Assembly Resolution No. 961

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MOURNING the untimely death and paying tribute to the life and heroic service of Sergeant Thomas A. Sanfratello who died in the line of duty on March 10, 2024

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of the loss of a courageous and decorated New York State Sheriff's Sergeant who dedicated his purposeful life and career in faithful service to both his family and the residents of New York State; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this Legislative Body records the tragic and untimely death of Sergeant Thomas A. Sanfratello who made the ultimate sacrifice while on special assignment at Batavia Downs on Sunday, March 10, 2024; he was 54; and

WHEREAS, A 32-year-veteran of the Genesee County Sheriff's Office, Sergeant Thomas A. Sanfratello began his illustrious career as a dispatcher in February of 1992; he rose through the ranks, becoming a deputy sheriff in 1996, and earning a promotion to sergeant in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Sergeant Thomas A. Sanfratello held various positions and roles, including serving as the president of the Genesee County Deputy Sheriff's Association; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Thomas A. Sanfratello exemplified what it truly means to give of himself in providing vital police services and in keeping with the noble mission of the Genesee County Sheriff's Office; he was twice honored as the department's Deputy of the Year; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Sergeant Thomas A. Sanfratello was also a certified paramedic and doubled as an active member of the Alexander Fire Department from 1986 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he was a graduate of Alexander Central School District and was previously a member of the Alexander Town Board; and

WHEREAS, An avid sports fan, Sergeant Thomas A. Sanfratello favored the New York Yankees and the Buffalo Sabres; he had an overwhelming collection of Legos and Hot Wheels, and spent much time at model car conventions and Motorama racing events across the United States; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Sergeant Thomas A. Sanfratello was inducted into the Model Car Hall of Fame as the Collector of the Year; he was later presented with the President's Award by the association in 2021; and

WHEREAS, A devoted father, son, brother, and sheriff, Sergeant Thomas A. Sanfratello loved spending time with his family; he is survived by his mother, Dorothy; and his three children, Ian, Kyla and Alexis; as well as numerous other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, For more than three decades, Sergeant Thomas A. Sanfratello served the Genesee County Sheriff's Office with dedication, loyalty and compassion, earning the admiration, affection and esteem of his fellow officers; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Thomas A. Sanfratello's infinite selflessness and benevolence will shine on through his family's vivid and happy memories; his life of service and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Sergeant Thomas A. Sanfratello 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 man; he 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 Sergeant Thomas A. Sanfratello, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Sergeant Thomas A. Sanfratello.