

## 2025-J1121

Senate Resolution No. 1121

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Robert Violante,  
distinguished citizen and devoted member of his  
community

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, Robert Violante of Somers, New York, died on Wednesday, May  
14, 2025, at the age of 45; and

WHEREAS, Born on December 21, 1979, in Yonkers, New York, to loving  
parents Frank and Martha Violante, Robert Violante was the middle child  
of three sons; he shared a close bond with his beloved brothers, Chris  
and Brian; and

WHEREAS, A gifted athlete from a young age, Robert Violante shined  
at Somers High School as a standout in both football and basketball; his  
talents and fierce determination led him to Iona University, where he  
played collegiate football; and

WHEREAS, Robert Violante continued his prolific athletic career at  
the University of Delaware; he then earned a degree in Special Education  
at Mercy College and later obtained a master's degree in Educational

Administration; and

WHEREAS, Robert Violante distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Dedicating his life to education and leadership, Robert Violante began his professional journey as a special education teacher and rose to the role of Dean of Students at Bergenfield High School in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Taking his passion and talent for sports, Robert Violante diligently coached both varsity football and track where he inspired countless students on and off the field; and

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

WHEREAS, Known for his warmth, leadership, and unwavering commitment to those around him, Robert Violante is remembered as a beloved son, brother, uncle, and coach; his presence touched the lives of many and leaves behind a legacy of kindness, strength, and dedication; and

WHEREAS, Robert Violante is survived by his parents, Frank and Martha; his brothers, Chris (Hoda) and Brian (Laura); his cherished nephews, Andrew, Cameron, Dylan, and Jordan; his precious niece, Natalie; and his longtime loving girlfriend, Dana Brescia; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Robert Violante 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 Robert Violante, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Robert Violante.