

## 2009-K1050

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION paying tribute to the life and accomplishments of Gregg David Wenzel, 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, Gregg David Wenzel was killed working as a CIA Clandestine Officer on July 9, 2003, at the age of 33, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and

WHEREAS, Gregg Wenzel distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of society; and

WHEREAS, Born in Manhattan on November 18, 1969, Gregg Wenzel spent his childhood years in the Bronx and in Monroe, New York; a graduate of Monroe-Woodbury High School in 1987, he earned his college degree at the State University of New York at Binghamton in 1991; in addition, he studied abroad at Tel Aviv University and received his Juris Doctor from the University of Miami School of Law in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Gregg Wenzel was a police academy instructor for the Miami-Dade Community College-North Campus School of Justice and Safety Administration, Assistant Public Defender for Dade County, and also served on the Florida Bar Counsel where he tried Supreme Court Cases; in addition, he was a ten-time marathon runner and finisher, three-time Ironman finisher, and a Leukemia Lymphoma Society Team Trainer, as well as a world traveler taking photos; and

WHEREAS, Gregg Wenzel was affiliated with many organizations, some of which include Chabad, the University of Miami Masters Swimming, the Florida Bar Speakers Bureau, the Florida State and Federal Bar (Southern

District), FACDL, Dade County Bar Association (Young Lawyer's Division), and the Civil Litigation Committee (DCBA); and

WHEREAS, An officer in the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Gregg Wenzel was a graduate of the first post-9/11 training class; a former public defender, he sought a career with the CIA in order to both serve his country, and to live for a purpose greater than himself; and

WHEREAS, After Gregg Wenzel's death, his name was inscribed in the CIA's Book of Honor and the 81st Star on the Memorial Wall in the Agency's Headquarters; this induction provides an enduring reminder to all CIA employees and those who visit its Headquarters of both his dedicated service and patriotic sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Gregg Wenzel is survived by his parents, Gladys and Mitchell; his sister, Maura, and her husband, George Liberopoulos; his sister, Rachel, and her husband, Jay Caplan; his sister, Heather, and her husband, Ron Sznol; his nephews, Michael, Joshua and Matthew, and nieces, Jessica, Gwen and Leah; his uncle, Joe, and his cousins, Allison, Philip and Julie, and many friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the life and accomplishments of Gregg David Wenzel, 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 Gregg David Wenzel.