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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the untimely death of Nassau County Police Officer Michael J. Califano on February 4, 2011

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 police officer who dedicated his purposeful life and career in faithful service to his family and to the residents of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this Legislative Body records the passing of Nassau County Police Officer Michael J. Califano, who made the ultimate sacrifice on February 4, 2011, while faithfully executing his responsibilities, serving with dedication, loyalty and compassion, and who devoted his purposeful life and career to serve and protect; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County Police Officer Michael J. Califano exemplified what it truly means to give of himself in providing vital police services in keeping with the noble mission of the Nassau County Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Michael Califano, a 44-year-old resident of Wantagh and a 12-year veteran of the department, died in the line of duty on February 4, 2011; he was a highway patrolman and the first Nassau County police officer to die in the line of duty since 1993; and

WHEREAS, Growing up in North Massapequa and graduating from St. John the Baptist High School in West Islip, Michael Califano earned his associate degree in criminal justice from Nassau Community College; and

WHEREAS, Joining the Nassau County correction department in 1988, Officer Michael Califano worked at the county jail in East Meadow, then joined the police department in 1998 and was appointed to the First Precinct; he moved to the Highway Patrol squad in 2008; and

WHEREAS, A great family man who was well-loved, Officer Michael Califano is survived by his wife, Jacqueline, and their three children, Michael, Christopher, and Andrew; parents, Catherine and Michael; brothers, Edward and Charles; and sisters, Karen and Donna; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Nassau County Police Officer Michael J. Califano 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; 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 Nassau County Police Officer Michael J. Califano, noting the significance of his contributions on behalf of the citizens of this noble Empire State and expressing its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Officer Michael J. Califano.