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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION expressing sincerest, heartfelt condolences to the victims of the horrific crash involving a Metro-North commuter train and an SUV in Valhalla, New York, on February 3, 2015

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to recognize the devastating tragedy involving a Metro-North commuter train and a disabled SUV stopped on the tracks which claimed the life of six innocent people and injured 15 others; and

WHEREAS, On Tuesday, February 3, 2015, a Metro-North train departed from Grand Central Station carrying 650 commuters; shortly before 7:00pm, the commuter train approached a railroad crossing with an SUV stopped on the tracks; and

WHEREAS, Unable to brake in time, the Metro-North train collided with the SUV, prompting a fiery collision, which resulted in the deadliest crash in Metro-North Railroad's 32-year history; and

WHEREAS, The victims of this unthinkable tragedy include: Ellen Brody, Eric Vandercar, Walter Liedtke, Joseph Nadol, Robert Dirks, and Aditya Tomar; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body, representing the people from the State of New York, to offer its deepest sympathies to the families and loved ones of the victims whose lives were taken too soon, and to provide its genuine support to the families and loved ones of the survivors during this difficult time of grief and sorrow; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to pay just tribute to the lives of the six victims with a moment of silence in the Chamber of the New York State Senate, knowing their memory will forever remain with their families and their loss will be deeply felt by many; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

express sincerest, heartfelt condolences to the victims of the horrific crash involving a Metro-North commuter train and an SUV in Valhalla, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the families of the victims.