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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION expressing condolences to, and support for, the family of Paula Bohovesky, who was brutally murdered 35 years ago, and opposing the parole of her killers

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body wishes to express its continuing condolences to, and support for, the family of Paula Bohovesky, who was brutally murdered 35 years ago, and to oppose the parole of her killers; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, Paula Bohovesky, a talented artist, was an aspiring actress and a well-regarded member of the Junior class at Pearl River High School; and

WHEREAS, This young woman, burgeoning with energy and a zest for life, was tragically and senselessly murdered just two blocks from her home; and

WHEREAS, The two young men who committed this heinous crime after a day spent drinking in a local bar received the maximum penalty for murder then allowed in New York State, 25 years to life in prison; and

WHEREAS, Paula's family and friends, as well as those living in Rockland County at the time, can still recall the horror of that day; and

WHEREAS, Paula's mother, Lois Bohovesky, must again relive that day as she fights to keep her daughter's killers in jail by asking the Parole Board not to authorize the men's release, a task that she will have to often undertake because State Law allows inmates seeking parole to reapply every two years; and

WHEREAS, By Resolutions No. 336 of 2005, 371 of 2007, 169 of 2009, 119 of 2011 and 181 of 2013, the Legislature of Rockland County expressed its unanimous support for the family of Paula Bohovesky as the family asked the New York State Parole Board not to release her killers; and
WHEREAS, The murderers of Paula Bohovesky are again eligible for

parole and are seeking release from prison; now, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to
express its continuing condolences to, and support for the family of
Paula Bohovesky, who was brutally murdered 35 years ago, and to oppose
the parole of her killers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ms. Lois Bohovesky; The Honorable Andrew Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York; and Anthony J. Annucci, Acting Commissioner of the State of New York Division of Parole.