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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the untimely death of former U.S. Army officer Taylor A. Force, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to the people of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavors served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Lubbock, Texas native and former U.S. Army officer, Taylor A. Force died on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at the age of 29, while in Tel Aviv, Israel; and

WHEREAS, Taylor A. Force graduated from West Point Military Academy in 2009, and served as a field artillery officer in the United States Army from 2009-2014; and

WHEREAS, Following his military service, Taylor A. Force went on to enroll for a MBA graduate study at Owen Graduate School of Management in Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, Taylor A. Force was on a mission to support veterans, the diversity of students, and the quality of education; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed individual was respected by his fellow military officers, veterans, students, friends and family; and

WHEREAS, The banner of freedom will always wave over our beloved New York and all of America, the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave; and

WHEREAS, Residents of this great State must never forget the courage with which these men and women served their country, and must recognize that no greater debt is owed than that owed to those who gave their lives for their beloved Nation and to those who continue to be missing in action; and

WHEREAS, The freedoms and security we cherish as Americans come at a very high price for those serving in the military in times of conflict; it is fitting and proper that we who are the beneficiaries of those who risk their lives, leaving their families behind, express our appreciation and eternal gratitude for their sacrifices and courageous acts; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Taylor A. Force leaves behind an early legacy that will long endure 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 Taylor A. Force, courageous former U.S. Army officer, distinguished individual 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 Taylor A. Force.