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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the tragic and untimely death of 18 year-old Jose Melendez of Brooklyn, New York

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is deeply moved to inscribe upon its records this remembrance for Jose Melendez, a young man who was known for his keen sense of humor and his care and concern for others; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to mourn the death of individuals such as 18 year-old Jose Melendez of Brooklyn, New York, who died on Wednesday, January 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Born on August 18, 1997, in Honduras, Jose Melendez was a student at the Cultural Academy for the Arts and Sciences, as well as a member of the NYPD School Safety Law Enforcement Exploring Post, the preeminent career orientation and experience program for young people contemplating a career in law enforcement or a related field in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, Jose Melendez was diagnosed with cancer in his leg in June of 2012, and after a courageous four year battle, he succumbed to his illness; and

WHEREAS, A truly beautiful soul, Jose Melendez heroically battled this invasive disease and carried the uncertainty of tomorrow in his heart; anyone having the pleasure of being touched by his spirit knows that his will to live was never diluted by his challenges and his contagious smile has left a permanent mark in the hearts of those lucky enough to have known him; and

WHEREAS, Jose Melendez, a young man of incredible spirit and enthusiasm, truly brought enduring honor to his family through his many achievements; his memory will remain in the hearts of all those who had the privilege of knowing him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

mourn the tragic and untimely death of 18 year-old Jose Melendez, of Brooklyn, New York, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Jose Melendez.