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Senate Resolution No. 1701

BY: Senator KENNEDY

MOURNING the death of Kelly N. Benczkowski, nurse, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community

WHEREAS, It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Kelly N. Benczkowski, noting the significance of her purposeful life; and

WHEREAS, Kelly N. Benczkowski of Cheektowaga, New York, tragically passed away on Thursday, March 16, 2017, at the young age of 27; and

WHEREAS, As a student at Depew High School, Kelly was an active member of Students Against Destructive Decisions and the Life Lessons Club; she also served as a Class Officer and won first place at the ECIC B Swimming and Diving Championships; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation, Kelly went to John Carroll University, where she continued to compete as a member of the Women's Swimming and Diving team; and

WHEREAS, After earning her bachelor's degree in biology from John Carroll University in 2012, Kelly pursued a career in nursing; and

WHEREAS, Kelly, who always had a smile on her face and was known for making people laugh, distinguished herself in her profession by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; she was also a compassionate animal lover and was devoted to helping others; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by her grandmother, Dolores Liss and grandfather, Lucian Benczkowski, Kelly is survived by her parents, Diane and Kenneth Benczkowski; and two sisters, Dana and Tara; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Kelly is survived by her grandfather, Norbert Liss; grandmother, Loretta Benczkowski; one aunt, Karen (Armand) Uomoleale; one uncle, Ronald Ronald (Michelle) Benczkowski; and four cousins, Brittany, Armand III, Luke and Zack; as well as her godson, Zack Benczkowski; and

WHEREAS, Kelly, a young woman of incredible spirit and enthusiasm, truly brought enduring honor to her family through her many achievements; her memory will remain in the hearts of all those who had the privilege of knowing her; and

WHEREAS, Kelly will be missed by the entire community and will always be remembered for the joy she brought to her family and her community; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Kelly leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Kelly N. Benczkowski, nurse, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Kelly N. Benczkowski.