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Assembly Resolution No. 461

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MOURNING the untimely death of Trooper James J. Monda, committed law enforcement officer and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to convey its grateful appreciation and heartfelt regret in recognition of the loss of a courageous and hardworking police officer who dedicated his purposeful life and career in faithful service to the residents of New York State; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this Legislative Body records the passing of James J. Monda, a native of Rotterdam, New York, who accidentally drowned on Sunday, August 22, 2021, at the age of 45; and

WHEREAS, Veteran Trooper James J. Monda, a Princetown-based member of a marine patrol unit since 2017, went into the Great Sacandaga Lake wearing dive gear for reasons that are unknown to authorities; and

WHEREAS, Trooper James J. Monda entered the water at a launch on Bunker Hill Road and never resurfaced; he was pulled from the water and taken to the hospital where he was pronounced dead; and

WHEREAS, James J. Monda, who joined the New York State Police in 2002, spent most of his career in Troop G, the largest troop in the

State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Well-liked by all, Trooper James J. Monda was highly regarded and sincerely respected amongst his peers and by those he served and protected; a conscientious and dedicated officer, he was selected for some of the most sought-after State Police assignments, such as the State Fair and the Marine Patrol assignment, which is separate from the State Police Dive Team; and

WHEREAS, Trooper James J. Monda was forever dependable, loyal, and kind, three extraordinary attributes that made him an amazing police officer; he is survived by his fiancée and his parents; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, James J. Monda leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; he will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Trooper James J. Monda, 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 Trooper James J. Monda.