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Senate Resolution No. 2885

BY: Senator KENNEDY

MOURNING the death of Thomas Smith, family man,  
dedicated public servant and devoted member of his  
community

WHEREAS, There are certain outstanding members of our community who,  
through their selfless commitment and dedication, served to better the  
quality of life in their community and had a measurable positive impact  
on the lives of its residents; Thomas "Tom" Smith was one such  
individual; and

WHEREAS, A native son of Buffalo, Thomas Smith passed away on  
Thursday, August 4, 2022, at the age of 51; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1970, Thomas Smith was raised in the Schiller Park  
neighborhood; after graduating from the former Turner-Carroll High  
School in East Buffalo, he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in history  
from State University of New York at Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Smith began his long career in public service at the  
young age of 19, when he served as a summer laborer with the Buffalo  
Sewer Authority; shortly thereafter, he joined Team Buffalove and Mayor  
Anthony Masiello's Mayor's Impact Team, where he truly made a difference  
in the lives of his fellow Buffalonians; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Thomas Smith held numerous

leadership positions in City government, including Quality of Life Programs Manager and Director of Parks and Recreation; most recently, he served as Chief of Staff/Secretary to the General Manager at the Buffalo Sewer Authority; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Smith devoted his life to making his beloved hometown of Buffalo a better place for its residents to live, work and play; his outgoing personality and vast knowledge made him the "go to" man for anything City-related; and

WHEREAS, Above all, Thomas Smith enjoyed spending time with his treasured family; he is survived by his beloved wife of 12 years, the former Jessica Maglietto; two sons, Jack and Drew; his parents, Dennis and Shirley Smith; and two brothers, Dennis (Denise) and Doug; as well as numerous other relatives, friends and colleagues who will long cherish his memory; and

WHEREAS, A man of great compassion and determination, Thomas Smith's legacy extends far beyond his accomplishments as a successful public servant; his sincere concern for others; his integrity, unconditional friendship and selfless motivation to give of himself, will long stand as a beacon for those who would aspire to service in their community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Thomas Smith, 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 Thomas Smith.