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Senate Resolution No. 667

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Gregory N. Jones, family man, police officer and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens 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, Gregory N. Jones, died on Thursday, November 24, 2022, at the age of 48; and

WHEREAS, Gregory N. Jones was born on June 30, 1974, to Joanne and Gary Jones in Middletown, New York, where he grew up; after earning his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from St. Thomas Aquinas College, he began his law enforcement career at the Orange County Sheriff's Office working in the Mount Hope and Washingtonville Police Departments, then transferred to the City of Peekskill Police Department, where he proudly served for 22 years; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known to his Peekskill colleagues as "Jonzee", Gregory N. Jones took great pride in his duty and role as a police officer, and truly wanted to make his community a better place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gregory N. Jones liked working with young people and served as a School Resource Officer to the Peekskill City School district, D.A.R.E. Instructor, Police Youth Academy Instructor, Community Resource Officer, and a devout and skilled member of the Community Policing Unit; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work, Gregory N. Jones was always willing to lend a helping hand to various other organizations and community events, and was actively involved with the Peekskill Fire Department, where he was known as an "honorary" PFD-Local 2343 member; and

WHEREAS, Gregory N. Jones will always be remembered for his funny remarks, positive energy, charisma, and for his participation in No Shave November, and could often be found carrying around his gallon water jugs and being surrounded by a copious amount of water cups; and

WHEREAS, Above all, Gregory N. Jones enjoyed spending time with his cherished family, whether it was coaching his son's sports teams, playing catch with his daughter, riding on his ATV with his son, snuggling in the morning with his daughter, a nap with his youngest, or just being with them; he was very proud of his children and took every chance he could to show his love through one of his warm hugs; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his grandmother and grandfather, Herman and Christine Langbein, Gregory N. Jones is survived by his wife, the former Mary Greenan; six children, Matthew, Christopher, Rachel, Catherine, Gregory, and Colette; his mother, Joanne Jones; many aunts, uncles, and cousins, in-laws, nieces and nephews; and numerous friends, as well as a legion of firefighters and fellow police officers who will long cherish the memory of the man who proudly wore Shield No. 15; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Gregory N. Jones 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Gregory N. Jones, family man, police officer 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 Gregory N. Jones.