

## 2023-J2470

Senate Resolution No. 2470

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Sergeant Richard T. Gurniak, beloved family man and active 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 endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly moved to mourn the death of Sergeant Richard T. Gurniak; and

WHEREAS, Richard T. Gurniak died on Saturday, April 20, 2024; he was a graduate of Pearl River High School and St. Thomas Aquinas College; and

WHEREAS, Richard "Rich" T. Gurniak was a retired New York Police Department Sergeant where he gave 30 years of dedicated service; at the time of his passing, he was a respected Sergeant with the Brewster Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Richard T. Gurniak distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, In all aspects of his lifework, Sergeant Richard T. Gurniak was regarded as a passionate and committed law enforcement officer with a stellar career; he was pivotal to the training and mentorship of many new officers throughout his career, bestowing a legacy of hard work, mutual trust, and unrelenting service unto all he taught; and

WHEREAS, Known widely for his zest for life, Richard T. Gurniak enjoyed spending his leisure time experiencing the outdoors through boating, fishing, hiking, scuba diving, golfing, traveling to new places, going to the beach, as well as attending barbecues and family gatherings; he additionally enjoyed the time he spent watching his nephew's hockey games, watching football, and being with family during holidays; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Richard T. Gurniak's commitment to excellence and spirit of humanity carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Richard T. Gurniak is survived by his best friend and love, Allison; brothers, James and Stephen (Stacey); sisters, Susan Mckeon (John) and Janet; his niece and nephews; and large extended family; he is predeceased by his loving parents, Frank and Theresa; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Richard T. Gurniak 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 mourn the death of Sergeant Richard T. Gurniak, beloved family man and active member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Sergeant Richard T. Gurniak.