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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of William Beckett Wrigley III, distinguished police 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 police officer who dedicated his purposeful life and career in faithful service to his family, community and the Hudson Police Department; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this Legislative Body records the passing of City of Hudson Police Officer William Beckett Wrigley III, who, after serving with dedication, loyalty and compassion, devoted his purposeful life and career to serve and protect; and

WHEREAS, The son of William J. and Deidre (March) Wrigley, Jr., William Beckett Wrigley III was born August 22, 1978, in Hudson, New York; and

WHEREAS, William Beckett Wrigley III, a resident of Livingston, New York died on Friday, January 24, 2014, at the age of 35; and

WHEREAS, A 1997 graduate of Ichabod Crane High School in Valatie, William Beckett Wrigley III, affectionately known to many as Billy, was a United States Navy Veteran, serving in the Persian Gulf War from 1999 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, William Beckett Wrigley III served as a Hudson Police Officer for 11 years; he was a Golden Shellback, crossing the Equator twice, as well as a member of the Stuyvesant Falls VFW No. 9593 and a fourth generation member of Hudson Elks Lodge No. 787; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Wrigley Sr., and his maternal grandfather, Ellsworth March, William Beckett Wrigley III is survived by his loving parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Wrigley, Jr., his brother, Timothy John Wrigley, his

maternal grandmother, Adrienne Saltmarsh, as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Police Officer William Beckett Wrigley III 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 William Beckett Wrigley III, distinguished police officer and devoted member of his community, noting the significance of his contributions on behalf of the citizens of this noble Empire State and expressing 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 William Beckett Wrigley III.