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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION remembering and honoring the lives of the 13 victims of Buffalo's November Winter Storm of 2014

WHEREAS, It is fitting that all people from the State of New York and across our Nation share in the solemn commemoration of those who lost their lives during the November Winter Storm of 2014, in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, On the evening of Monday, November 17, 2014, an epic winter storm began which devastated Buffalo and Western New York; and

WHEREAS, The storm, which lasted for four days, tragically claimed the lives of 13 individuals despite the heroic efforts of first responders; parents, spouses, children, co-workers, military veterans, and a good Samaritan from out of town are all among those who perished; and

WHEREAS, The cleanup and rescue operations made this one of the deadliest and most severe winter storms in our Nation's history; and

WHEREAS, During this tragedy, the community came together in a tremendous way, helping not only friends and family, but aiding neighbors and strangers, in their time of need; and

WHEREAS, A community is only as strong as its members, and the people of Buffalo and Western New York showed the entire country the strength of their community and the bravery and resolve of their people; and

WHEREAS, From neighbors helping one another dig out their homes, to residents taking in a stranded traveler, to firemen in South Buffalo delivering a baby, we are reminded that Buffalo, New York, truly is the City of Good Neighbors; and

WHEREAS, The generosity and compassion of people from across the State and Nation were made apparent by the outpouring of sympathy and contributions to the people of Western New York, as well as their prompt response and aid, which have been a blessing in the catastrophic wake of

Buffalo's November Winter Storm of 2014; and

WHEREAS, It is with feelings of deepest regret that this Legislative Body respectfully mourns the untimely death of Stephen H. Thomas, Cynthia Woodrick, Michael N. Strachan, Lyle H. Hull Sr., Ruth R. Snyder, Valentine L. Mozdziak, John "Jack" Boyce, James A. Thomas Sr., Jan Barsam, David M. Deneke, Donald J. Abate, Robert M. Cedar, and Delancey Scott, who all passed away as a result of this devastating storm; and

WHEREAS, The memory of those who lost their lives in the unprecedented tragedy which befell our Great State on November 17, 2014, will forever remain with their families, and will live in the hearts of every New Yorker and every American; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to remember and honor the lives of the 13 victims of Buffalo's November Winter Storm of 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the families of the 13 victims of Buffalo's November Winter Storm of 2014.