

## 2015-J282

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the tragic and untimely death of NYPD Officer Rafael Ramos on Saturday, December 20, 2014

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 city of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this Legislative Body records the passing of 40-year-old NYPD Officer Rafael Ramos, of Cypress Hills, Brooklyn, who made the ultimate sacrifice on Saturday, December 20, 2014, while faithfully executing his responsibilities, serving the people of New York City with dedication, loyalty and compassion, and who devoted his purposeful life and career to serve and protect; and

WHEREAS, Born on December 9, 1974, NYPD Officer Rafael Ramos began his illustrious career as an NYPD School Safety Agent; in 2012, he was promoted to Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, NYPD Officer Rafael Ramos was honored posthumously and promoted to the esteemed position of Detective 1st Grade; and

WHEREAS, Rafael Ramos was a vital member of the Christ Tabernacle Church in Glendale, Queens, serving as an Usher, and had just completed a Volunteer Chaplain Training Course; his church also recognized him posthumously and he was appointed an Honorary Department Chaplain for the 84th Precinct; and

WHEREAS, NYPD Officer Rafael Ramos is survived by his cherished wife, Maritza, and their beloved sons, Justin and Jaden; and

WHEREAS, NYPD Officer Rafael Ramos lived his life with great dignity and genuine grace, always demonstrating a deep and continuing concern for the welfare of others in the great city of New York; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of

compassion, NYPD Officer Rafael Ramos 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 tragic and untimely death of NYPD Officer Rafael Ramos, 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 NYPD Officer Rafael Ramos.