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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing the One Year Anniversary of the Metro-North Railroad accident in Valhalla, New York

WHEREAS, The State of New York is deeply saddened by tragic events which result in the loss of lives; and

WHEREAS, February 3, 2016, marks the One Year Anniversary of the tragic Metro-North Railroad accident at the crossing in Valhalla, New York; and

WHEREAS, On the evening of February 3, 2015, a commuter train on the Metro-North Railroad's Harlem line struck a passenger car, an SUV stuck inside the crossing gate at the grade crossing near Valhalla, New York, between the Valhalla and Mount Pleasant stations; and

WHEREAS, The driver of the SUV and five passengers on the train were killed in the accident, and 15 others were injured, including seven who were in very serious condition; and

WHEREAS, This horrific accident was the deadliest in Metro-North's history; and

WHEREAS, Those lost in the accident were the driver of the SUV, Ellen Schaeffer Brody, 49; Robert Dirks, 36; Walter Liedtke, 69; Joseph Nadol, 42; Aditya Tomar, 41; and Eric Vandercar, 53; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to remember the lives of the six victims, knowing their memory will forever remain with their families and loved ones; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize the One Year Anniversary of the Metro-North Railroad accident in Valhalla, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the victims' families and to the survivors.