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Senate Resolution No. 5165

BY: Senator KENNEDY

MOURNING the death of Damien Lynwood Pope, distinguished citizen and devoted 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, Damien Lynwood Pope was born on February 16, 1982, in Wilmington, Delaware, to the late Lance Lynwood Pope and Deborah Ann Dempsey Pope; he died on Friday, May 4, 2018, at the age of 36; and

WHEREAS, Damien Lynwood Pope attended school in the Brandywine School District, during which time he worked at Funscape, now Regal Cinemas at Brandywine Town Center; early on, his leadership skills and work ethic were apparent, leading to many managerial roles; and

WHEREAS, With a sincere dedication to getting the job done, Damien Lynwood Pope spent 13 years working at several Wawa locations and developed countless lifelong friendships with his coworkers; and

WHEREAS, On July 23, 2013, Damien Lynwood Pope and the former Beth Thompson were united in marriage, and from this union, Darien Lee and

Layla Grace were born; and

WHEREAS, A gentle soul and dedicated father, Damien Lynwood Pope found so much joy spending time with his family and would do anything for their well-being; and

WHEREAS, Damien Lynwood Pope is survived by his wife, Beth; two children, Darien and Layla; his mother, Deborah; and his siblings, Michelle (Earl) and Marc (Leah); as well as a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Damien Lynwood Pope 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 pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Damien Lynwood Pope, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Damien Lynwood Pope.