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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the family of the late Mark B. Davis upon the passage of Senate Bill 2230, also known as Mark's Law

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize and acknowledge those within our midst who have made significant contributions to the quality of life therein; and WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the family of the late Mark B. Davis upon the occasion of the passage of Mark's Law; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 25, EMT Mark B. Davis was killed in the line of duty while responding to a call for help in Cape Vincent, New York, on January 30, 2009; and

WHEREAS, In response to this tragedy, the family of Mark B. Davis sought to take action and make New York State a safer place for First Responders and volunteers who put their lives on the line to protect the public's safety; and

WHEREAS, Through the advocacy of Mark B. Davis' family, Mark's Law was introduced as a bill in May of 2011, and later became law on January 15, 2013, the day which would have been Mark B. Davis' 29th birthday; and WHEREAS, Through Mark's Law, our selfless, fearless First Responders and volunteers who put their lives on the line to protect and serve the citizens of New York State will now enjoy the maximum protection under law as a result of the passage of this legislation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the family of the late Mark B. Davis, Marsha Dickinson, Larry Dickinson, Michael "Brandon" Dickinson and Maricia Astafan, upon the passage of Senate Bill 2230, also known as Mark's Law; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Mark B. Davis.