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Res. No. 392

Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to Pass and the Governor to Sign, S.9274/A.10381, also known as the Didarul Islam Police Recruitment Act

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Whereas, The New York City Police Department (NYPD) plays a critical role in protecting the safety and security of all New Yorkers; and

Whereas, Recruitment and retention of qualified police officers remains a historic and ongoing challenge for the NYPD, and supporting development of a professional, experienced force is essential to public safety; and

Whereas, S.9274/A.10381, also known as The Didarul Islam Police Recruitment Act, sponsored by New York State Senator Robert Jackson and New York State Assemblymember Stacey Pheffer Amato, is designed to provide a pension benefit to NYPD officers who previously served in other municipal public safety titles, including School Safety Agents, Traffic Enforcement Agents, Cadet Corps members, and NYC Correction Officers; and

Whereas, The bill would allow current and future NYPD officers to buy-back qualifying prior service so that it counts toward their police pension, correcting a longstanding inequity that denied recognition for early public safety service performed in other city roles; and

Whereas, The legislation is named in honor of fallen NYPD Officer Didarul Islam, who served as a School Safety Agent before becoming a police officer and who encouraged others to follow similar public

service paths; and

Whereas, Officer Didarul Islam was tragically killed in the line of duty in uniform while working a private security job during the July 2025 mass shooting at 345 Park Avenue in Midtown Manhattan, and his service exemplified dedication, community commitment, and professional integrity; and

Whereas, Officer Islam served two years as a School Safety Agent before meeting the requirements to join the NYPD Police Academy, exemplifying a pathway for others to follow; and

Whereas, The Police Benevolent Association President, along with Officer Islam's family, and elected officials, have publicly announced and endorsed the legislation at the 47th Precinct in the Bronx, where Officer Islam served; and

Whereas, The passage of this legislation would provide a meaningful boost to recruitment and retention at a time when the NYPD continues to face historic staffing challenges, benefit thousands of NYPD officers, and honor Officer Islam's legacy by ensuring that prior public service is fully recognized; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the New York State Legislature to Pass and the Governor to Sign, S.9274/A.10381, also known as the Didarul Islam Police Recruitment Act.

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