

Senate Resolution No. 1053

**BY:** Senator RITCHIE

**MOURNING** the death of Ray T. Chesbro,  
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,** It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Ray T. Chesbro, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community, on Friday, March 3, 2017, at the age of 91; and

**WHEREAS,** Ray T. Chesbro is remembered as a man of honesty and integrity, devoted to his family and the citizens of his community; and

**WHEREAS,** Born in Pennellville, Oswego County, Ray T. Chesbro received his education in the Phoenix Central School District; and

**WHEREAS,** He was appointed Deputy Sheriff of Oswego County in 1953, and later became Identification Office, Investigator and Lieutenant; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1973, Ray T. Chesbro was appointed as Sheriff of Oswego County by the late Governor Nelson Rockefeller, and was elected to that same position in 1974, retiring in 1977; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1979, he was appointed by Governor Hugh L. Carey to be Director of the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority and served in that position until 1982; and

**WHEREAS,** Ray T. Chesbro was elected to the New York State Assembly for the 117th Assembly District in 1980, and served five terms; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to his service in law enforcement and state government, Ray T. Chesbro served on the Phoenix Central School District's Board of Education for 17 years, and the Oswego County Board of Cooperative Educational Services from 1967 to 1971; and

**WHEREAS,** Active in his community, he was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, a 70 year member of Lodge 622 F&AM in Central Square, the United Methodist Church in Pennellville, and the Phoenix Sno-Drifters, as well as the National Legislators Association, the Central New York Rod and Gun Club, and the Pathfinder Rod and Gun Club; and

**WHEREAS,** Ray T. Chesbro will be fondly remembered as a loving husband, and father by his wife of 69 years, Eileen, and his three sons, Gary, Ray and Scott, as well as his five grandchildren, and five great grandchildren and many other family members; and

**WHEREAS,** He 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 Ray T. Chesbro, distinguished citizen and devoted member of the Oswego community; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Ray T. Chesbro.