

Senate Resolution No. 2978

BY: Senator JACOBS

MOURNING the deaths of Betty L. and Robert E. Yung, distinguished citizens and dedicated members of their community

WHEREAS, It is with feelings of deepest regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Robert E. and Betty L. Yung, an extraordinary couple of indomitable faith and dedication whose purposeful lives will long serve as a standard to which others might aspire; and

WHEREAS, Betty L. Yung of Orchard Park, New York, died on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at the age of 94; and

WHEREAS, Her husband of 69 years, Robert E. Yung, died three days later on Friday, February 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Born in Orchard Park, the former Betty Roth attended the local high school, and was a member of the second class of special education teachers from Buffalo State College; and

WHEREAS, Betty L. Roth was a teacher with Kenmore schools before she married the love of her life, Robert E. Yung; after taking time to raise her beloved two children, she returned to work as a substitute teacher in Orchard Park; and

WHEREAS, Robert E. Yung was born to American parents who operated a restaurant in Toronto, Canada; after moving to Tonawanda, New York, he graduated from Kenmore High School in 1943; during his senior year, he joined the United States Navy's V-12 program, and spent two semesters each in naval training at Union College and Dartmouth College before entering midshipman school at Fort Schuyler; and

WHEREAS, After completing his training in August of 1945, just as World War II ended, Robert E. Yung joined the crew of the USS Roi in San Francisco, California; in this capacity, he visited several Pacific islands and ferried home a large number of United States Marines from China on a trip called "the Magic Carpet"; and

WHEREAS, Upon his discharge in 1946, Robert E. Yung earned his degree from Union College, and joined the Naval Reserve in 1950, where he served until 1984; and

WHEREAS, For many years, Robert E. Yung enjoyed a successful career in insurance for Mutual of New York and as an independent agent; devoted to his community, he was a member of the Masons, the Shriners, and Western Star Lodge 1185, serving as the organization's grand lodge representative for the second Erie District; and

WHEREAS, Together, Betty L. and Robert E. Yung attended Baker Memorial Methodist Church in East Aurora, New York, and were involved in

several local historical societies; they also enjoyed traveling around the world, and genuinely loved being in love; and

WHEREAS, Betty L. and Robert E. Yung truly lived their lives with great dignity and genuine grace, always demonstrating a deep and continuing concern for human values and ideals, and in doing so, inspired others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, Betty L. and Robert E. Yung touched the lives of their family and many friends through the shining example of their marriage, which is a testament to the devotion and admiration which they possess for one another; and

WHEREAS, Betty L. and Robert E. Yung are survived by one daughter, Barbara J. Kipler; one son, Robert R. Yung; and three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Through their boundless love and profound words of wisdom, Betty L. and Robert E. Yung's legacies of true grace will shine on through their family's vivid and happy memories; their shining lights and strengths will forever serve as a beacon of love and hope for all who were privileged to have known and loved such an amazing and dynamic woman and man; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the deaths of Robert E. and Betty L. Yung, distinguished citizens and dedicated members of their community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Betty L. and Robert E. Yung.