

BY: Senator MAYER

MOURNING the death of former Congressman Ogden R. Reid, **New York Herald Tribune** Editor, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to mourn publicly the death of certain prominent individuals whose valued contributions to their community and profession served to enhance the quality of life in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, With feelings of deepest regret, this Legislative Body records the passing of one of New York State's most distinguished citizens, Ogden R. Reid, died at his home in Waccabuc, New York, on Saturday, March 2, 2019, at the age of 93; and

WHEREAS, Ogden Rogers Reid was born to Helen (Rogers) and Ogden Mills Reid on June 24, 1925, in Manhattan, New York; he graduated from both the Buckley School in Manhattan and Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Ogden R. Reid proudly served his country as a paratrooper with the United States Army in the 11th Airborne Division during World War II; he was discharged as a First lieutenant in 1946, and later, served as a Captain in the United States Army Reserve; and

WHEREAS, In 1949, Ogden R. Reid earned his degree from Yale University, and married the former Mary Louise Stewart in July; together, they raised five sons and one daughter; and

WHEREAS, Ogden R. Reid went to work with his mother at the **New York Herald Tribune**, his family-owned newspaper; for several years, he served as a mail clerk, photographer and reporter before becoming Vice President in 1953; at the young age of 29, he succeeded his older brother as President and Editor; in 1958, the Reid family sold a controlling interest to John Hay Whitney, the United States ambassador to Britain; and

WHEREAS, One year later, Ogden R. Reid began his long and distinguished political career when President Dwight D. Eisenhower named him Ambassador to Israel, a position he held from July 2, 1959 until January 19, 1961; following his return to the United States, he became a Director of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company in 1961; and

WHEREAS, In that same year, Ogden R. Reid was appointed Chairman of New York's State Commission Against Discrimination by Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller; and

WHEREAS, From January 3, 1963 until January 3, 1975, Ogden R. Reid served as a member of the United States House of Representatives from New York's 24th and then 26th district; throughout his tenure, Congressman Reid supported antipoverty and civil rights legislation and

efforts to improve urban areas, curb housing discrimination and strengthen Social Security; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to his roots, Congressman Ogden R. Reid introduced numerous bills to protect journalists from being compelled by federal courts and other governmental authorities to disclose confidential sources; and

WHEREAS, After mulling a possible gubernatorial run, Ogden R. Reid was appointed Commissioner of Environmental Conservation by newly elected Governor Hugh L. Carey, a position he held for 16 months; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, Ogden R. Reid is survived by his loving wife, Mary Louise; five devoted sons, David, Stewart, Michael, William and Ogden; one beloved daughter, Elisabeth Taylor; and 19 treasured grandchildren, as well as a legion of colleagues and friends who will long cherish his memory; and

WHEREAS, A man of great compassion and sensitivity, former Congressman Ogden R. Reid's legacy extends far beyond his accomplishments as a successful public servant; his sincere concern for others; his integrity, unconditional friendship and selfless motivation to give of himself, will long stand as a beacon for those who would aspire to service in their community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of former Congressman Ogden R. Reid, **New York Herald Tribune** Editor, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community, recognizing the significance of his exemplary record of public service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Ogden R. Reid.