

Assembly Resolution No. 719

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CELEBRATING the life and accomplishments of Thomas E. Schofield, family man, noted attorney, and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, It is with feelings of deepest regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Thomas E. Schofield of Youngstown, New York, a preeminent citizen whose distinguished public service and caring commitment will long serve as a standard to which others might aspire; and

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Schofield died on Friday, November 29, 2019, at the age of 71; and

WHEREAS, Born to the late Thomas E. and Dorothy (Brining) Schofield on October 16, 1948, in Plattsburgh, New York, Thomas E. Schofield was raised in Massena, New York; during this time, he often traveled to Canada, and came to appreciate the sights and sounds of its many diverse cities; and

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Schofield earned his bachelor's degree with honors from the University of Toronto, and in 1972, he moved to the Buffalo, New York area, and graduated magna cum laude from the University at Buffalo School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Schofield began his distinguished career in law with the Magavern firm in 1976; he rose through the ranks, and after making Partner, he became Managing Partner; after leaving this role in 2013, he served as the firm's Senior Counsel; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure, Thomas E. Schofield focused on cross-border business in the Niagara region, a subject he also taught at his alma mater; this accomplished attorney also specialized in health care law, and served for many years as Chief Outside Counsel for Health Care Plan, now known as Univera; in addition, he was an officer and Director of the Healthy World Foundation, which has supported health initiatives for the poor in both Uganda and India since 2006; and

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Schofield truly loved his community and was involved with many non-profit organizations; he also supported Leadership Buffalo, and was the Chairman of the Niagara 1812 Legacy Council; and

WHEREAS, Known as a genius by many, Thomas E. Schofield was a man of many interests and passions; he was an avid gardener, studied history, political philosophy, architecture, music and theater, and was a

benefactor of the Shaw Festival and Irish Classical Theatre; and

WHEREAS, Above all, Thomas E. Schofield relished spending time with his beloved family at his lakefront home in Youngstown; and

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Schofield is survived by his wife, Janet Lindgren; two sons, Garth (Solene) and Morgan (Pannonica); one granddaughter, Aurelia; two sisters, Anne (Donald) and Patricia (Frank); and many nephews, as well as a legion of friends and colleagues; and

WHEREAS, A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, respected as a pillar of the Schofield Family, Thomas' name is synonymous with character, dignity, intellect, depth, and humor, qualities evident to his family and to all those who were fortunate enough to have known him; he will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Thomas E. Schofield, family man, noted attorney, and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Thomas E. Schofield.