

Senate Resolution No. 1334

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**MOURNING** the death of Lloyd P. Walsh, well-known broadcaster, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding individuals who distinguished themselves through their exceptional careers, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

**WHEREAS,** Lloyd P. Walsh, of Utica, New York, died at home on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at the age of 99; endowed with a naturally genial disposition and a spirit of tireless optimism, he will be remembered for his devotion to both his immediate family and his larger community; and

**WHEREAS,** Lloyd P. Walsh was born on January 2, 1922, in Oswego, New York, the son of Lloyd and Martha Balme Walsh; and

**WHEREAS,** He graduated from Oswego High School in 1939 and attended Oswego State Teachers College; and

**WHEREAS,** During World War II, Lloyd P. Walsh proudly served in both the Army Air Forces and the infantry where all his combat time was spent as a front-line rifleman in the 35th Division, a part of General Patton's 3rd Army; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon his return home from the war, Lloyd P. Walsh enrolled in the Radio Workshop at Syracuse University; and

**WHEREAS,** He married his college sweetheart, the former June Wood; the couple was happily married until her death in 1991; and

**WHEREAS,** Following Lloyd P. Walsh's graduation from Syracuse in 1948, he had a successful broadcasting career that ultimately spanned more than four decades; he worked in all phases of radio in the Utica area including programming, writing, administration, advertising sales, and on-air work; and

**WHEREAS,** He was best known for his play-by-play broadcasts of area high school and college basketball, and as the Saturday voice of Colgate University football on radio station WRUN; and

**WHEREAS,** A member of the Utica Advertising Club and the Sales Executives Club, Lloyd P. Walsh also served on the Development Council at St. Elizabeth Hospital; worked as a Literacy Volunteer; and advocated for the United Way; and

**WHEREAS,** Following his retirement, Lloyd P. Walsh continued to share the skills he acquired as a broadcaster, by reading and recording books for the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired; he was

a long-time parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in South Utica; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1993, Lloyd P. Walsh was inducted into the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame, and he also served for several years on its Board of Directors; furthermore, he was a member of the SUNY/IT Sports Hall of Fame, and in 1988, was named "Man of the Year" by the East Utica Optimist Club; and

**WHEREAS,** An avid golfer, bowler, excellent swimmer and a dedicated runner, Lloyd P. Walsh could still be found on his treadmill each morning following a disciplined fitness routine well into his nineties; he was also an active member of the Skenandoa Golf Club; and

**WHEREAS,** Lloyd P. Walsh is survived by his six children, Kathleen (Robert) Berry, Nancy Walsh Manes, Susan Walsh, Jeanne Walsh, David Walsh, and Dr. Douglas Walsh; and his four grandchildren, Cara (Sean) Manes, Gina Manes (Steven) Willard, Meaghan (Jesse) Foltz, and Greg Walsh; as well as four great-grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Lloyd P. Walsh 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; 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 mourn the death of Lloyd P. Walsh, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Lloyd P. Walsh.