

Senate Resolution No. 198

**BY:** Senator KENNEDY

**MOURNING** the death of Joseph F. Crangle,  
distinguished citizen and devoted member of his  
community

**WHEREAS,** There are certain outstanding members of our community who, through their selfless commitment and dedication, have served to better the quality of life in our community and have had a measurable positive impact on the lives of its residents; Joseph F. Crangle was one such individual; and

**WHEREAS,** It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Joseph F. Crangle, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph F. Crangle, a true pillar in his community of Buffalo, New York, died on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at the age of 88; and

**WHEREAS,** The son of Irish immigrants, Joseph F. Crangle was a member of the first graduating class of Bishop Timon High School where he was elected diocesan and national president of the Catholic Youth Council before moving on to Canisius College; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthermore, Joseph F. Crangle proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army where he rose to the esteemed rank of captain during a career in the Reserves which stretched from 1955 to 1965; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph F. Crangle got his first taste of politics in college while successfully running for president of the Student Council; after graduating from Canisius in 1955, he went on to earn a law degree from SUNY Buffalo Law School in 1959; and

**WHEREAS,** A Buffalo native and noted attorney, Joseph F. Crangle towered over the local scene as an Erie County chairman from 1965 to 1988, longer than anyone before or after him; additionally, he served as state chairman from 1971 to 1974; and

**WHEREAS,** A renowned figure amongst his peers, Joseph F. Crangle enjoyed relationships with many prominent national politicians, and was a member of the National Committee for two decades; he also served as a senior aide to three state Assembly speakers; and

**WHEREAS,** This inspiring man did not stop there, Joseph F. Crangle served as chairman of the Erie County Water Authority from 1987 until 1996, and was counsel for the Seneca Nation of Indians for many years; he was later known as an election analyst on WIVB-TV; and

**WHEREAS,** Predeceased by his wife Rita, Joseph F. Crangle is survived by four daughters, Mary, Katie, Brigid and Betsy; one son, Joseph; and

nine grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Joseph F. Crangle 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 Joseph F. Crangle, distinguished citizen 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 Joseph F. Crangle.