

BY: Senator KENNEDY

MOURNING the death of Dr. Michael R. Marfino, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to commend and recognize those esteemed individuals within the medical community for their extraordinary and sustained contributions to the progress of medicine and the improvement of life; and

WHEREAS, It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Dr. Michael R. Marfino, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael R. Marfino of Buffalo, New York, died on Wednesday, March 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael R. Marfino distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, A proud member of many dental organizations, Dr. Michael R. Marfino served the American Dental Association and the Dental Society of New York, as well as the Erie County Dental Society, where he assisted on the Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he was President of the State University of New York General Alumni Association UB Dental Alumni Association in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael R. Marfino was the proud recipient of many awards and accolades throughout his illustrious career; he earned the title of President of WNY Society of Periodontists, as well as President of the Apollonian Dental Guild in 1991; just three years later, this esteemed man became President of Erie County Dental Society; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, he received the prestigious Francis J. Stone Distinguished Service Award from the Erie County Dental Society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael R. Marfino's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, A prominent member of the community, Dr. Michael R. Marfino was extremely charitable and performed countless works of kindness and generosity; he helped many younger dentists start their practices, was well-known for always being even-tempered, and most notably for being everybody's friend; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his brother, Nicholas; Dr. Michael R. Marfino is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Barbara; his three

daughters, Susan (Thomas), Laurie (Joseph), and Jennifer (Phillip); and his son, Michael (Jennifer); he was the proud papa of Jillian, Caroline, Annabel and Natalie; he is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and good friends; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael R. Marfino's infinite selflessness and benevolence will shine on through his family's vivid and happy memories; his insight and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Dr. Michael R. Marfino leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all who were privileged to have known and loved such an amazing man; 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 Dr. Michael R. Marfino, and expressing 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 Dr. Michael R. Marfino.