

Assembly Resolution No. 2180

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MOURNING the death of Bruno Pacini, former educator, town justice, revered football coach, and cherished community member

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; Bruno Pacini was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Bruno Pacini, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Bruno Pacini of Medina, New York, died on Friday, April 19, 2024, at the age of 102; and

WHEREAS, Born in North Tonawanda, New York on January 21, 1922, he was the son of the late Guy and Leontine (Bourdon) Pacini; he graduated from North Tonawanda High School, then entered the U.S. Army in October of 1942, serving as a Staff Sergeant until February of 1946; and

WHEREAS, Upon leaving the military, Bruno Pacini went to Niagara University to continue his education; he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in 1950, and a Master of Arts degree in 1951; and

WHEREAS, Bruno Pacini's teaching career was spent at Royalton-Hartland in Middleport where he taught Social Studies for 27 years; he also became the football coach at the school until his retirement in 1977; and

WHEREAS, For his hard work and gained respect by the Royalton-Hartland community, the football field at the school was named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement from the field of education, Bruno Pacini was elected Royalton Town Justice, a position he would hold for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, Bruno Pacini was also a member of the Clute Phillips Post No. 938 of the American Legion in Middleport and the Knights of Columbus, and was the last surviving member of the original inductees of the Foundation Award Winners of the Niagara Orleans League; and

WHEREAS, Bruno Pacini was proud to have been inducted into the North Tonawanda Football Hall of Fame, the Niagara University Hall of Fame, and the Roy-Hart "Proud to be a Ram" Wall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Ever active in his community, Bruno Pacini would attend the Wall of Fame events consistently; more recently, he attended the annual

Niagara-Orleans League dinner in June, showing his dedication to being involved and present in the lives of so many who he had treasured knowing; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Bruno Pacini 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 inspiring 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 Bruno Pacini, 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 Bruno Pacini.