

Assembly Resolution No. 493

BY: M. of A. McMahon

MOURNING the death of Dr. Nelson Torre, renowned physician, distinguished citizen, and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavors served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nelson Torre of Buffalo, New York, died on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, Son to parents who emigrated from Sicily, Dr. Nelson Torre completed his primary education at PS #37 and attended St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute from 1948 to 1952; and

WHEREAS, As a first generation college graduate, Dr. Nelson Torre attended the University of Buffalo, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences, cum laude, in 1956; he then went on to graduate cum laude from SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse in 1961; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nelson Torre served as a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri from 1966 to 1968; and

WHEREAS, Practicing as a Rheumatologist at Sisters of Charity Hospital in Buffalo, NY, Dr. Nelson Torre became Chief of Medicine and Program Director for internal medicine; and

WHEREAS, Exemplifying his leadership skills and credibility in his field, Dr. Nelson Torre was a fellow of American College of Physicians and a founding fellow of American College of Rheumatology; he was board-certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Having served as the Medical Director until 2007, Dr. Nelson Torre co-founded the Physician Assistant program at Daemen University in 1994 with former president Dr. Robert S. Marshall and Dr. Charles Reedy; and

WHEREAS, The program, upholding a high standard of excellence, community respect, and leadership, Dr. Nelson Torre's work created a foundation and ultimately a pathway to success for the Physician Assistant program at Daemen University; his commitment to the early years of the program, mentoring the junior faculty, and his assistance in gaining national accreditation provided invaluable leadership; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nelson Torre also represented Daemen University at the national level as a Commissioner for the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA); and

WHEREAS, In 1968, Dr. Nelson Torre joined the clinical faculty at what is now the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University of Buffalo and was clinical professor of medicine beginning in 1986, becoming professor emeritus in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Truly dedicated to the medical field and helping others, Dr. Nelson Torre worked at the National Institutes of Health from 1992 to 1993; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong learner, Dr. Nelson Torre enjoyed reading history, literature, and the works of Joseph Campbell in his retirement years; he believed in the value of education and provided for the college educations of his wife, children, and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, A longtime member of the Park Country Club in Williamsville, NY and a member of the Plantation Golf and Country Club in Venice, Florida, Dr. Nelson Torre loved to spend time with his family and play golf and bridge; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nelson Torre and his wife Joyce, established the Joyce Barrett Torre '90 and Nelson P. Torre, M.D. Endowed Scholarship Fund at the State University of New York at Buffalo, providing merit-based scholarships to students in the Physician Assistant Program and English majors; Dr. Nelson Torre also established scholarship endowments at both Daemen University and St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Nelson Torre is survived by his wife, Joyce, his children Christine, Pamela, Nelson S. and Douglas, and his 11 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Dr. Nelson Torre 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 Dr. Nelson Torre 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 Dr. Nelson Torre.