

Senate Resolution No. 1664

BY: Senator GALLIVAN

MOURNING the death of Jonathan A. Dandes, president of Rich Baseball Operations, inductee of the Buffalo Baseball Hall of Fame, 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 endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan A. Dandes of Amherst, New York, died on Sunday, February 22, 2026, at the age of 72; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan A. Dandes distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Buffalo Bisons baseball family for more than four decades, Jonathan A. Dandes was dedicated to the growth and success of the beloved team and its home at Sahlen Field; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan A. Dandes proudly served as vice president and general manager of Stadium Services, Inc. from 1988-1995, and was instrumental in the design, construction, and continued success of the downtown ballpark; he was appointed executive vice president of the Rich Entertainment Group in 1996, and served as president of Rich Baseball Operations from 2001-2018, overseeing the Bisons as well as Double-A and Single-A baseball franchises; and

WHEREAS, In 2023, Jonathan A. Dandes was inducted into the Buffalo Baseball Hall of Fame, a prestigious honor representing his significant contributions to Buffalo professional baseball; and

WHEREAS, Beyond his myriad contributions to the sport of baseball, Jonathan A. Dandes served of many organizations, such the Ralph C. Wilson Explore & More Children's Museum, Shea's Performing Arts Center, the Buffalo Niagara Partnership, the Buffalo Zoological Society, the Erie County Medical Center, Visit Buffalo Niagara, Upstate New York Transplant Services Foundation, The Buffalo Niagara Enterprise, Erie County Jewish Family Services, and held the esteemed role of director of the National Kidney Foundation; and

WHEREAS, A 1974 University at Buffalo graduate, Jonathan A. Dandes was the longest-serving member of the University of Buffalo's UB Council and was the past president of the New York State Restaurant Association; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan A. Dandes' commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; in 2017, he was named an

"Outstanding Citizen" of Western New York by the Buffalo News; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan A. Dandes is survived by his cherished children, Leo and Arin; daughter-in-law, Lisette; son-in-law, Adam; treasured grandchildren, Luca and Leif; as well as countless friends, community members, and colleagues; he is predeceased by his beloved wife, Marcy; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, dedicated to his community, and imbued with a sense of compassion for others, Jonathan A. Dandes 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 Jonathan A. Dandes, president of Rich Baseball Operations, inductee of the Buffalo Baseball Hall of Fame, 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 Jonathan A. Dandes.