

Senate Resolution No. 1857

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Daniel Strauss,
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 endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Strauss of Yorktown Heights, New York, died on Monday, April 6, 2026, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Born on April 4, 1940, in England to the late Agnes (Samson) and Arthur Strauss, Daniel Strauss was an only child and spent his childhood in England before moving to the United States and settling in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Strauss earned his degree from Hunter College, where he was captain of both the soccer and tennis teams and a member of the Army Reserves; and

WHEREAS, While attending Hunter College, Daniel Strauss met Carol, who he would later marry in August of 1962; and

WHEREAS, Together, Daniel Strauss and his beloved wife, Carol, settled in Yorktown Heights and shared the joy of raising their three cherished children; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Strauss distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Strauss committed his entire professional career to Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; in his career, Daniel Strauss approached every situation with commitment, integrity, and loyalty; and

WHEREAS, As a lifelong lover of soccer, Daniel Strauss fittingly earned the nickname "Soccer Dan" due to his love for playing and coaching soccer; Daniel Strauss shared his passion for soccer through coaching Pee Wee Soccer for Yorktown Heights, leaving a lasting impression on young athletes and their families; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Strauss' commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Having spent over six decades in Yorktown Heights, Daniel Strauss took great pride in keeping his town clean, and he dedicated countless volunteer hours picking up litter and weeding public spaces to ensure his community was pleasant, clean, and enjoyable for all who

visited and called Yorktown Heights home; and

WHEREAS, With a desire to stay involved in local issues, Daniel Strauss was actively engaged in local matters through regular attendance at town board meetings; and

WHEREAS, Throughout Daniel Strauss' lifetime, he shared cherished moments, laughs, and memories with many friends, including Les Ventimiglia and Kee Kong from Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Mike Bevanda from his men's soccer league, and the friends from his morning coffee group, which he met during his daily visits to Uncle Giuseppe's; and

WHEREAS, Above all else, Daniel Strauss was a devoted family man with immense love and pride for his children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Strauss is survived by his loving children Pam Strauss, Leigh Minella, and Craig Strauss and his wife, Tracey; his grandchildren, JD and Anna Colarusso, and Julianne and Lauren Strauss; his brother-in-law, Charlie Giandana, and his wife, Nancy; his nieces, Anna and Lisa; his cousins, Joe, Ellen, and Victor Mascolo; and many members of the Samson family; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Daniel Strauss 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 Daniel Strauss, 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 Daniel Strauss.