Senate Resolution No. 186

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 60th Anniversary of Edwards Ambulance, Inc.

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and applaud outstanding individuals within our communities whose actions and accomplishments contribute to the health, safety and well-being of the communities of the State of New York and to the quality of life of its people; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Edwards Ambulance, Inc. in July of 2024; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, Irving and Martha Edwards of Chadwicks, New York, bought a single ambulance from another local business entity located in Washington Mills, New York; and

WHEREAS, From that point forward, Irving, Martha and their children worked tirelessly to obtain proper permitting from the New York State Department of Health and the necessary training and equipment to serve the residents of the Towns of New Hartford, Paris, and surrounding municipal territories; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, Irving Edwards turned his successful and extremely well-respected family-built business over to his youngest son, Gary Edwards, who continues to operate Edwards Ambulance and has grown the business exponentially to accommodate increasing demand for services; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Gary Edwards remains an active Advanced Life Support provider and has direct dealings with various day to day operations; and

WHEREAS, Today, Edwards Ambulance employees over 60 active EMS providers, dispatchers, and billing staff, and operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with four fully equipped Advanced Life Support Ambulances and two New York State Certified Emergency Ambulance Service Vehicles to support ambulance staff and for Mutual Aid assistance; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, this vital ambulance service responds to approximately 7,300 calls annually and its demand for services continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, For six decades, Edwards Ambulance has provided dedicated and professional Emergency Medical Services to Oneida and Herkimer Counties; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Edwards Ambulance; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body cannot express sufficient gratitude to those devoted individuals who recognize that the preservation of life is a sacred responsibility and who make that responsibility their own by serving their local Ambulance Corps; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Edwards Ambulance, Inc.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Edwards Ambulance, Inc.