

Senate Resolution No. 790

BY: Senator STEC

MOURNING the death of the Honorable G. Thomas Moynihan, Jr., 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, The Honorable G. Thomas Moynihan, Jr. of Glens Falls, New York, died on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Born in Glens Falls, New York, G. Thomas Moynihan, Jr., the son of Gordon T. and Alice McGillicuddy Moynihan, was a graduate of St. Mary's Academy, and he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from the College of the Holy Cross in 1960, and a Juris Doctor degree from Syracuse University College of Law in 1963; and

WHEREAS, With a strong sense of a duty and a desire to serve his Nation, G. Thomas Moynihan, Jr. served in the United States Marine Corps and was honorably discharged in 1963; and

WHEREAS, After leaving the United States Marine Corps, G. Thomas Moynihan, Jr. began his legal career with Clayman, Mead and Gallo from 1970 to 1980, and in 1978, he was selected to fill a vacancy as Town Justice in the Queensbury Town Court, later serving a full term; and

WHEREAS, G. Thomas Moynihan, Jr. distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, In 1980 and 1990, G. Thomas Moynihan, Jr. was elected Warren County Judge and Surrogate, a position he humbly filled until being elected to the New York State Supreme Court in 1998, a role he held for five years; and

WHEREAS, Recognized as a pillar of integrity within his community, G. Thomas Moynihan, Jr. was appointed Supervising Judge of the Criminal Courts for the Fourth Judicial District, and in retirement he served as Counsel to FitzGerald Morris Baker Firth, P.C. and as Chair of the Warren County Board of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, G. Thomas Moynihan, Jr. took pride in his role as a judge, and he prioritized ensuring justice for victims while treating all who appeared before him with humanity; those who entered his courtroom testify to his fair and impartial nature; and

WHEREAS, G. Thomas Moynihan, Jr.'s commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Much of G. Thomas Moynihan, Jr.'s free time was dedicated to enriching the lives of those around him, and he was a member of several organizations, including the North Queensbury Volunteer Fire Company, New York State County Judge's Association, New York State Surrogates Association, New York State Supreme Court Justices Association, New York State Bar Association, New York State Trial Lawyers Association, Warren County Bar Association, Marine Corps League, Memorial Detachment No. 2, American Legion post 374, BPOE Lodge No. 81, and the Lake George Club; and

WHEREAS, G. Thomas Moynihan, Jr. shared a fulfilling life with his loving wife of 53 years, Joanie, and he cherished memories at Lake George, where he spent some of his happiest moments on the water; and

WHEREAS, An avid outdoorsman, G. Thomas Moynihan, Jr. enjoyed boating, drag racing, hunting deer at the Adirondack League Club and the Gooley Club, fly fishing, golfing, skiing, and gardening; and

WHEREAS, In retirement, G. Thomas Moynihan, Jr. and his wife moved to Pinehurst, North Carolina, where they spent 18 peaceful years painting and golfing with newfound friends, eventually joining two of the oldest golf associations in the United States; and

WHEREAS, With a desire to return to family and lifelong friends, G. Thomas Moynihan, Jr. and his wife returned home to Lake George in 2023, once again embracing the serene environment and welcoming community that he loved and appreciated; and

WHEREAS, G. Thomas Moynihan, Jr. is survived by his wife, Joanie; his children, Christian Moynihan (Laurie McCauley), Heather Ward (Jason), Hilary Moynihan, Meghan Frazier, and Shannan Carroll; his fourteen grandchildren, Wyatt and Lansing Ward, Jack and Grace Sirianni, Ellie, Emily, Mack, Lucie, Vivi, and Oscar Frazier, and Clarkie, Davey, Tommy, and Cece Carroll; and many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, G. Thomas Moynihan, Jr. 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 the Honorable G. Thomas Moynihan, Jr., 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 the Honorable G. Thomas Moynihan, Jr.