

**BY:** Senator AKSHAR

**MOURNING** the death of Vincent J. Briga,  
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 the great State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Vincent J. Briga of Endicott, New York, died on Friday, March 30, 2018, at the age of 64; and

**WHEREAS,** Vincent J. Briga was a lifelong parishioner of St. Anthony of Padua Church, where he was a proud member and Vice President of the Holy Name Society; and

**WHEREAS,** With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, Vincent J. Briga spent several years volunteering at local Italian festivals including the St. Anthony's Feast Days and Gusto; he also spent many years in George W. Johnson Park, organizing concerts and giving rides to everyone on his famous golf cart; and

**WHEREAS,** Vincent J. Briga coached countless children in his beloved community through the years, and enjoyed spending summers at Sertoma Field; he was also a member of the T.C. Jets and loved nothing more than watching the Steelers with his son; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition, he organized the first ever "Mass on the Grass," where he was honored to see so many people from throughout the county in attendance and showing their support; and

**WHEREAS,** Vincent J. Briga valued bringing people together and sharing old stories on the Don Giovanni radio show; he also enjoyed celebrating his Italian heritage, both on the show, and in his daily life; and

**WHEREAS,** Predeceased by his parents, Vincent and Christine Briga; and his mother-in-law, Mildred Watkins, Vincent J. Briga is survived by his wife, Tammy; son, Vincent; brother, Don; father-in-law, George Watkins Sr. (Gina); sisters-in-law, Patricia Santos (Chuck) and Tonya Watkins; brother-in-law, George Watkins Jr. (Lisa); five nieces, Silvia, Bianca, Gabriella, Elise and Julia; and two nephews, Ciano and Shane; he is also survived by several cousins, including his closest cousins, Peter Mataloni, George Price, Frank Yanni, and Joseph Mataloni, who he always viewed as brothers; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Vincent J. Briga 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 Vincent J. Briga, 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 Vincent J. Briga.