

BY: Senator RANZENHOFER

MOURNING the death of Lynn S. Millane, former Amherst Town Supervisor, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community

WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow that this Legislative Body, representing the people of the State of New York, is moved this day to pay tribute to an eminent woman of indomitable faith and dedication whose public service and countless accomplishments will forever stand as a paradigm and inspiration for others; and

WHEREAS, Lynn S. Millane of Amherst, New York, died on Saturday, May 4, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The first woman elected to the Amherst Town Board in 1982, Lynn S. Millane became a prominent leader in the community and devoted decades of her life to making the town a better place; through her advocacy for seniors and passion for helping others, she established programs which continue to serve Amherst residents every day; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from the University at Buffalo with a master's degree in health education, Lynn S. Millane married John Vaughan Millane Jr. and together they raised five children, Maureen, Michele, John, Mark and Kathleen; and

WHEREAS, During this time, Lynn S. Millane volunteered for many organizations and was President of the E. J. Meyer Hospital Junior Board, Women's Committee of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, Amherst Symphony Orchestra Association and the Zonta International Club of Amherst; and

WHEREAS, When Lynn S. Millane became the first woman elected as a council member, she was also the only member who worked full time; she served as a council member for eight years before being appointed Deputy Supervisor in 1990, and Town Supervisor in 1996, making her the first woman to hold the esteemed position; and

WHEREAS, In this capacity, Lynn S. Millane served as liaison for the Amherst Elderly Transportation Corporation, Alternate Fuel and Clean Cities Committees, Town Energy Conservation Program, Government Studies Committee, Amherst Chamber of Commerce and Amherst Cable TV, where she wrote a new cable television contract for the town; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she played a crucial role in constructing the Main Library at Audubon, which opened in October 1987; and

WHEREAS, Lynn S. Millane made astounding advances for seniors; from 1985 to 1989, she was Director of the Network in Aging of Western New York, and for 10 years she was Chairwoman of the Aging Services Advisory Committee to the New York State Office for the Aging; and

WHEREAS, To improve the quality of life for residents in nursing and retirement homes, Lynn S. Millane helped create the first long-term ombudswoman program in Erie County; additionally, in 1984, she worked with the Erie County Department of Senior Services and Erie County legislators to establish the first cluster program in Amherst, Clarence, Newstead, Akron and Williamsville; and

WHEREAS, Lynn S. Millane also established adult day care services and updated handicapped facilities for the Clearfield Library; and

WHEREAS, Continuing to make an impact after retiring from elective office, Lynn S. Millane was appointed a Commissioner for the New York State Ethics Commission by former Governor George Pataki and helped rewrite the Town's Code of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, Lynn S. Millane also served on the University at Buffalo's Community Advisory Council for 12 years and was a trustee at Daemen College for 19 years; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her community, Lynn S. Millane was an active member of the Restoration Society, the Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital Women's Group and the Twentieth Century Club, which is considered to be one of the oldest private women's clubs in the country; and

WHEREAS, Lynn S. Millane's longevity in municipal work earned her numerous awards and accolades, including the Woman of Distinction Award from the New York State Senate in 2003, Zontian of the Year, Paul Harris Fellow Award, Outstanding Community Service Award, Amherst Police Certificate of Appreciation, Notable American Woman of 2000, and Women's Committee of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra's Woman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by her beloved husband, John, Lynn S. Millane is survived by her five children, Dr. Maureen, Michele, John III, Mark and Kathy; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Lynn S. Millane leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Lynn S. Millane, former Amherst Town Supervisor, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Lynn S. Millane.