

**BY:** Senator SEWARD

**MOURNING** the death of Marian Leona Goddard Mullet,  
a devoted wife and mother, distinguished citizen and  
dedicated 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,** Marian Leona Goddard Mullet of Oneonta, New York, whose  
unremitting passion for family and community defined her life, died on  
March 17, 2019, at the age of 91; and

**WHEREAS,** As the founder and first CEO of Pathfinder Village in  
Edmeston, New York, Marian L. Mullet worked tirelessly to achieve her  
vision "that each life may find meaning"; and

**WHEREAS,** Born on March 23, 1927, in East Hartford, Connecticut,  
Marian L. Mullet earned a bachelor's degree in nursing in 1950, from  
Bates College where she met her future husband, Frank; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon Frank's return from World War II, the young couple  
married and moved to upstate New York, where they pursued their dream of  
raising a family in the bucolic setting of the small town of Edmeston;  
and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to raising her family of four children, Marian  
L. Mullet nurtured other passions, including raising horses, breeding  
championship Irish Setters and working at the Otsego School, a home for  
individuals with Down syndrome; and

**WHEREAS,** When the Otsego School faced changing requirements for care  
of the disabled, Marian L. Mullet led an ambitious multimillion-dollar  
development project which transformed the Otsego School into Pathfinder  
Village, an internationally recognized residential community for  
children and adults with Down syndrome and other developmental  
disabilities; and

**WHEREAS,** Marian L. Mullet truly believed all people, regardless of  
ability, should have a wonderful home and a fulfilling life of social,  
educational, religious and work opportunities; and

**WHEREAS,** With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to her  
community, Marian L. Mullet served on the boards of several  
organizations, including the Clara Welch Thanksgiving Home, the State  
University of New York at Oneonta Foundation and the Scriven Foundation;  
and

**WHEREAS,** Marian L. Mullet and her husband established The Thomas

Frank Mullet Foundation in memory of their son, Tom, who died from cancer at the age of 19; the foundation gives annual awards benefiting the people and organizations of Edmeston and its surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS,** After retirement, Marian L. Mullet, along with her daughter, Martha, and granddaughter, Deborah, researched, wrote and published, **Richard Andrew: Called to Paint**, a fully illustrated biography of the artist whose paintings include portraits of Marian's family, as well as New England mountain vistas and shores; and

**WHEREAS,** Marian L. Mullet was the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including The Paul Harris Fellow (1985), an honorary doctor of laws from Bates College (1988), a New York State Woman of Distinction Award (2000), the Otsego County Chamber Distinguished Citizen of the Year (2002), a feature in the PBS series "Visionaries," and an honorary doctor of laws from the State University of New York at Oneonta (2002); and

**WHEREAS,** Predeceased by her parents, Harvey and Marguerite; a son, Thomas; and siblings, Harvey, Ralph and Arthur, Marian L. Mullet is survived by her devoted husband of 68 years, Frank; sister, Elizabeth; brother, Stephen; three children, John (Debra), Martha (Martin) and James (Pamela); seven grandchildren, Sarah, Deborah, Elizabeth, Ian, Hillary, Benjamin and Adam; and seven great-grandchildren, Brianna, Sophia, Kenneth, Levi, Caitlyn, Gavin and Lydia; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Marian L. Mullet 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 Marian Leona Goddard Mullet, a devoted wife and mother, distinguished citizen and dedicated member of her community; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Marian Leona Goddard Mullet.