

**BY:** Senator PALUMBO

**CELEBRATING** the life and accomplishments of Charles Albert Styler, family man, noted television videographer, and devoted member of his community

**WHEREAS,** There are certain outstanding members of our community who, through their selfless commitment and dedication, have served to better the quality of life in our community and have had a measurable positive impact on the lives of its residents; Charles A. Styler was one such individual; and

**WHEREAS,** It is with profound sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Charles A. Styler, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS,** Charles A. Styler of Southampton, Long Island, died on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at the age of 81; and

**WHEREAS,** Charles A. Styler was born to Claire (Keen) and Albert Jensen Styler on February 1, 1940, in Queens, New York; at the young age of 17, he enlisted in the United States Navy and attended Radioman Class "A" School; for four years, he proudly served his country as a radio operator aboard the first United States Navy ship, the USS Maury, to enter the Black Sea since the Yalta Conference; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1957, Charles A. Styler, affectionately known to many as Charlie, and his friends were driving on Hill Street in Southampton, when he noticed his future wife, Virginia, sitting on a cement wall; from this moment on, they were inseparable and the couple married on June 9, 1962, and raised their family in North Sea, Long Island; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon the completion of his military service, Charles A. Styler held several occupations including ticket agent for Swiss Air, customer engineer for IBM, cabinetmaker, bartender, ship-to-shore radio operator for ITT, ham radio operator, master carpenter, and videographer/editor for Public Access TV for Cablevision at Riverhead; and

**WHEREAS,** Charles A. Styler always gave 100 percent to everything he did, however, his favorite job was serving as a television videographer for the Village and Town of Southampton; along with the former Southampton Village Mayor, Joseph P. Romanoski, Jr., he started the local television station for governmental and educational programming which is now known as SeaTV; and

**WHEREAS,** In this capacity, Charles A. Styler filmed numerous community events such as the children's play at the Southampton Fresh Air Home, Christmas with Santa at the Southampton Cultural Center or the Hampton Bays Fire Department or the North Sea Fire Department, the Boy Scouts of America's Eagle Scout Awards, Our Lady of the Hamptons children's plays, high school plays in Westhampton, the Rising Stars

series at Southampton's Cultural Center, the Southampton Village Fourth of July Parade, the Committee on Veterans Affairs Memorial Day and Veterans Day events, children's school plays, the Veterans Flag Ceremony

at the Hampton Bays Elementary School, the Kiwanis Police Awards, the Southampton Village Fire Department muster, the Saint Patrick's Day Parades in both Hampton Bays and Westhampton, Martin Luther King Breakfast at the Rogers Memorial Library, the Hampton Classic Horse Show, and Southampton College lectures, as well as graduation exercises for Southampton High School, Riverhead High School, Pierson High School and Mattituck High School; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to creating many videos for his community free of charge, and some at his own expense, Charles A. Styler was a member of the Southampton School District's Board of Education, the Combined Veterans Organization and North Sea Community Association, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS,** Predeceased by his parents, and his five year-old son, Richard, Charles A. Styler is survived by his wife of 58 years, Virginia; one sister, Janet Wilson; four children, Lisa Milby, Katherine (Brian) Feldman, Michael (Gina) Styler, and John (Raquel) Styler; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, as well as numerous colleagues, neighbors and friends who will long cherish his cheerful smile and his positive attitude; and

**WHEREAS,** Charles A. Styler's infinite selflessness and benevolence will shine on through his family's vivid and happy memories; his insight and strength will forever serve as a beacon of love, light and hope to the countless lives he touched; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Charles A. Styler leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all who were privileged to have known and loved such an amazing man; he will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Charles Albert Styler, family man, noted television videographer, 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 Charles A. Styler.