Senate Resolution No. 2192

**BY:** Senator HARCKHAM

**MOURNING** the death of Joseph Iantorno, 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,** Joseph Iantorno of Bedford, New York, died on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at the age of 88; and

**WHEREAS,** Born in Port Chester, New York, on September 15, 1935, Joseph Iantorno's parents are the late Guiseppe Iantorno and Antoinette Caminitti Iantorno; and

**WHEREAS,** Furthering his education, Joseph Iantorno graduated from SUNY New York with a Horticulture Associate Degree; and

**WHEREAS,** With a passion for landscape and design, Joseph Iantorno established a partnership with the business Designs by Lee; after retiring, he worked at Perennial Gardens; and

**WHEREAS,** Serving the community for many years, Joseph Iantorno was a member of the Bedford Fire Department for most of his life, having joined in 1962; he held positions such as: Line Officer, Chief, President, Chairman Board of Fire Commissioners, and was the Grand Marshal of the 100th Anniversary Parade in 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** Devoting his time to associations for public good, Joseph Iantorno was a member of the Westchester County Association of Fire Districts since 1986, and served as President in 1993 until 1994; Westchester County Volunteer Firemans' Association since 1986, and served as Chairman of Fallen Firefighters Memorial from 1990 to 2023; Westchester County Association of Fire Chiefs since 1969, serving as Director from 1984 to 2002, 2008 to 2023, and President from 2002 to 2005; NYS Association of Fire Chiefs from 1971 to 2023, serving as the Westchester County Representative since 1998; and lastly, Westchester County Fire Advisory Board since 2006; and

**WHEREAS,** In his free time, Joseph Iantorno enjoyed gardening, camping, and spending time with his beloved family and friends; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph Iantorno distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph Iantorno's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

**WHEREAS,** Joseph Iantorno is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Rita (Brust) Iantorno; son-in-law, Justin Kernan; grandchildren, Nicole Riann, Marissa Elise, and Justin Ryan Kernan; brother, Michael Iantorno; and several nieces and nephews; he was predeceased by his daughter, Cara Iantorno Kernan and parents, Guiseppe Iantorno and Antoinette Caminitti Iantorno; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Joseph Iantorno 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 Joseph Iantorno, 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 Joseph Iantorno.