

Senate Resolution No. 1280

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Harold H. Heitmann,
distinguished citizen, veteran, 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 endeavors served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Harold H. Heitmann died on Monday, June 23, 2025, at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, Born to Paul Heinrich and Katharina Heitmann in Brooklyn, New York, on October 11, 1935, Harold H. Heitmann spent his youth in Brooklyn and graduated from Brooklyn High School of Automotive Trades in 1953; and

WHEREAS, After graduating high school, Harold H. Heitmann immediately enlisted in the Navy and was assigned to Seabee unit MC B-6, where he received the Navy Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Ribbon; Harold H. Heitmann was discharged from the Navy in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Upon leaving the Navy, Harold H. Heitmann married his beloved wife, Anita, and together they shared the pleasure of starting a family; and

WHEREAS, Filled with a strong desire to serve his Nation, Harold H. Heitmann reenlisted in the Army Reserves 399th Civil Affairs Group in 1974 and was discharged in 1979 with the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal; and

WHEREAS, Harold H. Heitmann immediately reenlisted in the New York Air National Guard 105th Air Lift Wing Civil Engineers "Prime Beef" Unit in 1979; during his service, he attained the rank of Senior Master Sergeant and received the Air Force Accommodation Medal, among many other awards; and

WHEREAS, After a lifetime of honorable service to his Nation, Harold H. Heitmann retired from the New York Air National Guard at Steward Air National Guard Base, Newburgh, New York, in 1995; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his dedicated service in the United States military, Harold H. Heitmann worked for Con Edison Utility Company from 1960 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, Harold H. Heitmann's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by a love for his community, Harold H. Heitmann

was a volunteer firefighter at the Croton Falls Fire Department, a member of the American Legion, and a leader of Boy Scout Troop No. 1 in North Salem, New York; and

WHEREAS, At the center of Harold H. Heitmann's life was his family, and he found joy in deer hunting, deep-sea fishing, socializing at social club events, and getting together with other veterans; and

WHEREAS, Harold H. Heitmann is survived by his wife, Anita; his three sons, Peter (Lynn Lobotsky), John (Jen MacKay), and Eric (Charlene Linoges); his five grandchildren, Casey McNulty (Kaitlyn), Ryan Heitmann (Lauren Cornlius), Christopher Heitmann, Matthew Heitmann, and Caroline Heitmann; his three great grandsons, Jamison, Wesley, and Mason; his sister-in-law; and two nieces; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Harold H. Heitmann 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 Harold H. Heitmann, 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 Harold H. Heitmann.