Senate Resolution No. 1356

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Jerry Fiorini upon the occasion of his retirement after 45 years of distinguished service to the Oneida County Board of Legislators

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those esteemed individuals who have rendered exemplary service to their communities and to the people of the State of New York, devoting their time, talents, and energies to the common good; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jerry Fiorini upon the occasion of his retirement from the Oneida County Board of Legislators after 45 years of dedicated and distinguished service; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his extraordinary tenure on the Oneida County Board of Legislators, Jerry Fiorini served on nearly every committee and chaired several, including the influential Ways & Means Committee; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, Jerry Fiorini was elected by his colleagues to serve as Chairman of the Board, a position he held with distinction and is believed to be the longest-serving Board Chair in New York State history; and

WHEREAS, A visionary and steadfast advocate for economic development, Jerry Fiorini played a key role in securing the transfer of the County Airport from Oriskany to Griffiss, contributing to revitalization and growth at both sites; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Fiorini was instrumental in the development of the Airframe and Powerplant program at Mohawk Valley Community College, and he championed major regional initiatives, including the securitization of the nanotechnology site in Marcy, New York, and the expansion of the Chobani campus in Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, A resolute supporter of fiscal responsibility, Jerry Fiorini was a leading voice for tax stability, contributing to an unprecedented 13 consecutive years without a county tax increase; he further advocated for public libraries, public safety programs, and his beloved hometown, the City of Rome; and

WHEREAS, Beyond public office, Jerry Fiorini devoted 18 years to coaching baseball and football at Rome Catholic and later served as head baseball coach at New York Mills, amassing more than 300 victories throughout his coaching career; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his achievements as both an athlete and coach, Jerry Fiorini was inducted into the Rome Sports Hall of Fame in 2006; he additionally supported youth sports through his work maintaining the Delutis baseball fields at Griffiss and as a member of the Rome Baseball Association Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Rome, New York, Jerry Fiorini is united in marriage with his wife, Frances; together they are the proud parents of two children, the loving grandparents of six grandchildren, and great-grandparents of five great-grandchildren, with another on the way; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Jerry Fiorini has sought to uplift his community and leave a legacy of public service and civic pride that will inspire future generations; and

WHEREAS, In 2025, after 45 years of outstanding dedication to the people of Oneida County, Jerry Fiorini retired from the Oneida County Board of Legislators; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Jerry Fiorini upon the occasion of his retirement, recognizing his exemplary service, leadership, and lasting contributions to his community and to the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jerry Fiorini.