

Senate Resolution No. 1413

**BY:** Senator HARCKHAM

**MOURNING** the death of John W. Ferrini, distinguished citizen, veteran, businessman, 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 this great Empire State; and

**WHEREAS,** John W. Ferrini of Briarcliff Manor, New York, and Juno Beach, Florida, died on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at the age of 89; and

**WHEREAS,** Born to the late Emelie and Leo Ferrini on October 8, 1936, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, John W. Ferrini moved to Burbank, California, as a child and graduated from Burbank High School; and

**WHEREAS,** Shortly after graduating high school, John W. Ferrini enlisted in the U.S. Army and served from 1957 to 1963 in the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, a position he was very proud of; and

**WHEREAS,** Following his honorable discharge, John W. Ferrini attended California State University Northridge and used his degree to begin a career in marketing with MLB Marketing in North Hollywood, California; and

**WHEREAS,** John W. Ferrini distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

**WHEREAS,** In pursuit of "Fame and Fortune," a phrase he often used, John W. Ferrini moved to New York City for a new job, and he later moved to Westchester County, New York, to start his company, JF Direct; and

**WHEREAS,** John W. Ferrini was a passionate, hardworking, and dedicated businessman, and his efforts are reflected in the success of his business, JF Direct; and

**WHEREAS,** Outside of his professional career, John W. Ferrini was an avid golfer, and in 1977, his competitive nature led him to Sleepy Hollow Country Club in Scarborough, New York, where he met lifelong friends; and

**WHEREAS,** John W. Ferrini's passion for golf resulted in friends calling him the "Commissioner of Golf Central," as he was often responsible for scheduling golf games for those he knew; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2020, John W. Ferrini found his second home in Juno Beach, Florida, where the warm weather and beaches reminded him of his

childhood memories in California; and

**WHEREAS,** John W. Ferrini was known to always wear a smile, and his compassionate nature paired with his wonderful sense of humor will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him; and

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

**WHEREAS,** John W. Ferrini is predeceased by his wife, Jan Ferrini; and

**WHEREAS,** John W. Ferrini is survived by his daughter, Cynthia (Mike) Marriott; his brother, Leo (Leslie); his sister, Rose; his niece and goddaughter, Kathy Shekter; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; 6 nieces and nephews; and his fiance and partner, Mary Ellen Joy; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, John W. Ferrini 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 John W. Ferrini, distinguished citizen, veteran, businessman, 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 John W. Ferrini.