

Senate Resolution No. 1494

**BY:** Senator HARCKHAM

**MOURNING** the death of Sean V. Harte, 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 endeavors served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Sean V. Harte of Stony Point, New York, died on May 1, 2025, at the age of 79; and

**WHEREAS,** A native of Ireland, Sean V. Harte was born February 21, 1946, to Patrick and Annie Harte; and

**WHEREAS,** After starting his education at Kiltycreevagh National School in Longford, Ireland, Sean V. Harte continued his studies at St. Mary's Secondary School; and

**WHEREAS,** Motivated by a sense of adventure and in the pursuit of a better future, Sean V. Harte emigrated to the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** Sean V. Harte distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

**WHEREAS,** Bringing with him a strong work ethic, Sean V. Harte had a long and fruitful career with Con. Edison where he would support his fellow workers through his involvement with the local branch of the Utility Workers Union of America (U.W.U.A.); and

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

**WHEREAS,** Serving as both Branch Chairperson and a member of the Executive Board of the U.W.U.A. local branch, Sean V. Harte was dedicated to social justice and was always a voice for fair play, the underdog and those in need; and

**WHEREAS,** Sean V. Harte served in a voluntary capacity for a number of years after his retirement on a program to promote safety in the workplace that was co-sponsored by management and workers; and

**WHEREAS,** Sean V. Harte served in the United States Army with honor and attained the rank of Sergeant while serving with the Army Corps of Engineers; and

**WHEREAS,** With a passion for politics, Sean V. Harte dedicated over two decades of his time to the local Democratic Committee where he was considered one of the most effective petition carriers that ever existed

on the Stony Point Democratic Committee; and

**WHEREAS,** Sean V. Harte's passion in life was his family; he loved hosting family gatherings, fishing with family, and spending time with his children and grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS,** Wanting to maintain very close links to his roots in Ireland, Sean V. Harte kept in close contact with family members back in Ireland through email and telephone conversations; he made regular visits to his homeland including an annual "Pilgrimage" every Autumn; and

**WHEREAS,** Sean V. Harte is survived by his wife Margaret; his beloved children John, Josephine, and Mairead; grandchildren Chloe, Colette, Ronan, J.J., Madison, Gavin, and Eoin; and his siblings P.J., Rita, Breege, Peter, and Colm; he is predeceased by his father Patrick; mother Annie; daughter Margaret Ann, who passed away in infancy; daughter-in-law Olivia Harte; his nieces Delia Flaherty and Sheila McEvoy; and sister-in-law Dympna Harte; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Sean V. Harte 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 Sean V. Harte, 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 Sean V. Harte.