

**BY:** Senator HARCKHAM

**MOURNING** the death of Richard F. Tiedeman, United States veteran and distinguished citizen 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,** Richard F. Tiedeman died on Sunday, March 1, 2026, at the age of 94; and

**WHEREAS,** Richard F. (Dick) Tiedeman was born to Fred and Ceceile (Jonasson) Tiedeman in Brooklyn, New York, on May 24, 1931; he was raised in the borough's Bushwick section; he graduated from Bushwick High School in 1948 where he was awarded a medal for his superior marksmanship on the school's riflery team; and

**WHEREAS,** After briefly working as a shipping clerk for a firm in Queens, Richard Tiedeman was inducted into the United States Marine Corps in December 1951; after basic training, he was assigned to the Motion Picture Camera School at the Naval Air Technical Training Unit in Pensacola, Florida, to learn aerial photography procedures which included being strapped to the bottom of a helicopter with his camera; and

**WHEREAS,** After rising to the rank of Sergeant, Richard Tiedeman received his honorable discharge in December 1953 and remained a member of the United States Marine Corps Reserves until December 1959; he was awarded the National Defense Medal for his service; and

**WHEREAS,** After military service, Richard Tiedeman attended Pace College and New York University, studying business administration; he worked for Christian Dior at its Manhattan corporate office before beginning a long career at Liberty Mutual Insurance, eventually becoming the sales manager at its Scarsdale branch office; his personable character, attention to detail, and strong work ethic undoubtedly aided his success; and

**WHEREAS,** In the early 1960s, Richard Tiedeman moved to Mount Vernon to be closer to work, and on many summer weekends, he could be found visiting his many friends in the Hamptons on the East End of Long Island; he also enjoyed spending time with his family; and

**WHEREAS,** After his retirement from Liberty Mutual in 1989, Richard Tiedeman was able to pursue his interest in photography more fully; he worked a few days a week at Scott Camera, first in New Rochelle, and later in Peekskill, from 1990 until 2010, forging friendships with many other amateur photographers; and

**WHEREAS,** Richard Tiedeman also had a lifelong interest in automobiles and airplanes, carefully following new developments and technologies; for many years, he proudly rode his 100th-Anniversary Commemorative Harley Davidson Road King Classic motorcycle; he was a lifelong member of Ridgewood Lodge No. 710 of the Free and Accepted Masons; and

**WHEREAS,** Richard Tiedeman's last several years were spent at Atria in Briarcliff Manor and the New York State Veterans Home in Montrose where he was a popular resident; and

**WHEREAS,** Richard Tiedeman is survived by his two nieces, Ceceile Strand and Carol Weiss Staudter, and their family members: Ceceile's husband, David Strand; daughter, Eleanor (husband, Andrew Stecker, and son, Jonah Stecker); and son, Erik; and Carol's husband, Thomas Staudter; daughter, Margaret Staudter-Zea (husband, Joseph Gibb Zea); and son, George; he was predeceased by his parents and elder sister and only sibling, Arlene (Harry) Weiss; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Richard F. Tiedeman and to honor his enduring legacy; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Richard F. Tiedeman.