

**BY:** Senator HARCKHAM

**MOURNING** the death of Richard Lynn, distinguished United States Navy veteran, respected educator, and devoted husband, father, and grandfather

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those eminent individuals whose lives of service, scholarship, and compassion have enriched their families, communities, and the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Richard Lynn, a former resident of Millwood, New York, passed away on March 22, 2026, at the age of 96, surrounded by the love of his devoted wife of 66 years, Helen Lynn; and

**WHEREAS,** Born on August 25, 1929, in Mount Vernon, New York, Richard Lynn was the son of Samuel and Sylvia Lynn, who instilled in him the values of education, integrity, and service, and the beloved brother of Norman Lynn; and

**WHEREAS,** Richard Lynn's early life in Mount Vernon laid the foundation for a lifetime of intellectual achievement, public engagement, and deep commitment to family and community; and

**WHEREAS,** In his youth, Richard Lynn honorably served in the United States Navy, demonstrating patriotism, discipline, and a commitment to his country; and

**WHEREAS,** Following his military service, Richard Lynn pursued higher education at Columbia University and Harvard University, earning advanced degrees that reflected his lifelong dedication to learning and excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** Richard Lynn built a distinguished career in finance and academia, ultimately serving for many years as Chair of the Department of Finance at Pace University, where he was held in high regard by colleagues and affectionately known as "Dick"; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition to his professional accomplishments, Richard Lynn was deeply engaged in civic life and social advocacy, including active participation in the "No Nukes" movement, reflecting his commitment to peace and global responsibility; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his life, Richard Lynn demonstrated a generous spirit, supporting numerous charitable causes and contributing meaningfully to the well-being of others; and

**WHEREAS,** Richard Lynn shared a remarkable and enduring 66-year marriage with his beloved wife, Helen Lynn, and together they built a life grounded in love, companionship, and shared purpose; and

**WHEREAS,** Richard and Helen Lynn found joy in bicycle travel,

friendships, and shared experiences, embracing life with curiosity and appreciation; and

**WHEREAS,** An avid photographer, Richard Lynn maintained a darkroom in his Millwood home, capturing moments of beauty and preserving memories through his artistic eye; and

**WHEREAS,** Richard Lynn is survived by his loving wife, Helen Lynn; his children, Stephanie Lynn and her husband Mark Kleiman, Barry Lynn and his wife Rachel, David Lynn and his wife Erin, and Peter Lynn; and his nine cherished grandchildren, Ben, Charlotte, Sol, Paul, Icrat, Amir, Yair, Efrat, Yael, Liam, and Aubrey; and

**WHEREAS,** He will be remembered as a man of intellect, warmth, curiosity, and compassion, whose blue eyes and bright spirit brought comfort and joy to all who knew him; and

**WHEREAS,** Richard Lynn's legacy is carried forward in the lives of his family, his students, his colleagues, and the many individuals touched by his generosity, activism, and devotion to a better world; and

**WHEREAS,** The passing of Richard Lynn represents a profound loss to his family, friends, former colleagues, and all who were inspired by his life of purpose and principle; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Richard Lynn, recognizing with deep appreciation his contributions to education, public life, and civic engagement, and extending heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones; and be it further

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