

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of James D. Cooper, distinguished United States Navy veteran and longtime Westchester County resident

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished citizens whose lives and service contributed to the strength and character of their communities and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, James D. Cooper, a respected resident of Montrose, New York, and formerly of Pleasantville, New York, died peacefully on March 9, 2026, at the age of 74; and

WHEREAS, James D. Cooper lived a life marked by dedication to his country, commitment to his profession, and devotion to his family and community; and

WHEREAS, Born to Norman and Alice Cooper, both of whom predeceased him, James D. Cooper was raised with values of integrity, hard work, and service which guided him throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, James D. Cooper graduated from Pleasantville High School in 1969 and continued his education at Westchester Community College, demonstrating a lifelong appreciation for learning and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, In faithful service to the United States of America, James D. Cooper honorably enlisted in the United States Navy and served from 1971 through 1974, answering the call of duty with honor and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, Following his military service, James D. Cooper pursued a successful career in the supermarket industry spanning more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, Through years of dedicated employment and leadership, James D. Cooper earned the respect of colleagues and customers alike, ultimately serving as a manager with Food Emporium, owned by A&P Supermarkets, until his retirement in 2011; and

WHEREAS, James D. Cooper will be remembered for his steadfast work ethic, quiet dignity, loyalty to family and friends, and enduring commitment to those around him; and

WHEREAS, He is survived by his loving brother, Ronald Cooper and his wife, Carol; his cherished niece, Robin Stoutenburg and her husband, Christian; his nephew, Daniel Cooper and his wife, Meagan; and four beloved grandnieces, together with extended family members and friends who will forever treasure his memory; and

WHEREAS, The loss of James D. Cooper is deeply felt by all who knew him, and his life stands as a testament to honorable service, professional dedication, and devotion to family; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of James D. Cooper, recognizing with gratitude his military service, professional accomplishments, and lasting contributions to his community and the people of the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of James D. Cooper.