

**BY:** Senator HARCKHAM

**MOURNING** the death of Joseph Belle, devoted family patriarch, proud United States Navy veteran, and beloved member of the community

**WHEREAS**, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished individuals whose lives of dedication, service, and compassion enriched their families, communities, and the State of New York; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Belle, a cherished patriarch, respected veteran, and friend to many, passed away peacefully on March 17, 2026, in Mt. Kisco, New York, at the age of 92; and

**WHEREAS**, Born on December 3, 1933, in Rosali, Italy, Joseph Belle was the beloved son of Giuseppe and Fortunata Salzone Belle, both of whom predeceased him; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Belle carried with him throughout his life a deep pride in his Italian heritage and a lasting devotion to the values of family, hard work, loyalty, and kindness; and

**WHEREAS**, After immigrating to the United States, Joseph Belle embraced his adopted nation with gratitude and honorably served in the United States Navy aboard the destroyer USS Ingersoll 652, exemplifying patriotism and dedication to country; and

**WHEREAS**, Following his military service, Joseph Belle established a long and respected career with A&P Supermarkets, where he served as a Manager and Butcher and became known for his strong work ethic, friendly nature, and genuine care for customers and colleagues alike; and

**WHEREAS**, Family remained the cornerstone of Joseph Belle's life, and he was a devoted husband to his beloved late wife, Mary Galdo Belle, whom he married in 1956; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Belle was a loving and dedicated father to Joseph Belle III and his wife, Lois; Cathleen Quaglietta and her husband, Richard; Daphne Belle and her companion, Ralph; Robert Belle and his wife, Laura; and David Belle; and

**WHEREAS**, He took immense pride and joy in his grandchildren, Briana, Ryan, Joseph, and Austin, treasuring the time spent with them and creating lasting memories for generations of his family; and

**WHEREAS**, Joseph Belle was predeceased by his cherished daughter, Doreen Belle, and by his siblings, Larry, Mario, Frank, Eddie, and Jenny Belle; and

**WHEREAS**, Known for his warmth, generosity, and joyful spirit, Joseph Belle found happiness in life's simple pleasures, including elaborate

holiday celebrations, family barbeques, cooking for loved ones, caring for his beloved dogs, and enjoying the music of the 1950s from the comfort of his porch; and

**WHEREAS,** Through his kindness, humor, hospitality, and unwavering devotion to family and friends, Joseph Belle touched the lives of countless individuals and became a beloved presence within his community; and

**WHEREAS,** The life of Joseph Belle stands as a testament to the enduring values of faith, family, service, and love, and his memory will forever remain a source of comfort and inspiration to those who knew him; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Joseph Belle, honoring his exemplary life of military service, professional dedication, and devotion to family and community, and extending its deepest sympathy 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 Joseph Belle.