Senate Resolution No. 2243

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Leif Arnold Larsen, 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, Leif Arnold Larsen passed away peacefully on February 9, 2026, in Cortlandt Manor, New York, at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, Born on March 4, 1943, in Brooklyn, New York, Leif Arnold Larsen was the son of Salve and Lovisa Larsen; and

WHEREAS, Leif Arnold Larsen's family moved to Norway when he was very young and lived there until he was five years old; after the birth of his sister, Janet Larsen, the family returned to Brooklyn, New York, where he began elementary school without knowing a word of English; and

WHEREAS, Leif Arnold Larsen grew up in Brooklyn and graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School and after two years at Ohio Northern University, he began working as an apprentice while serving on weekends in the Army Reserves; and

WHEREAS, Leif Arnold Larsen distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Leif Arnold Larsen built a 30-year career at Consolidated Carpet, starting as an installer and quickly advancing to project manager; he later retired from his role at Sherland and Farrington; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Leif Arnold Larsen was known not only for his exceptional work ethic and leadership, but also for his willingness to mentor others and lend a hand wherever needed; and

WHEREAS, Leif Arnold Larsen's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Always ready to help others, whether family, friends, neighbors, or his church community, Leif Arnold Larsen's passion for project management continued through the generous donation of his time and talents to Community Bible Church; and

WHEREAS, Leif Arnold Larsen enjoyed traveling with his beloved wife, Betty (Balog) Larsen, of nearly 60 years, and his sister-in-law, Dolores, creating treasured memories along the way; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, Leif Arnold Larsen served as an elder at Community Bible Church, offering steady guidance and wisdom and his involvement with the Gideons reflected his deep commitment to sharing his faith and encouraging others; his beliefs were not simply something he practiced but shaped how he lived, how he treated people, and how he gave of himself so freely; and

WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Leif Arnold Larsen's wife Betty was his best friend and faithful companion; his children, Lori, Scott, and Kirk, and his daughter-in-law, Sharon (Sylvester) Larsen, were the pride and joy of his life, and he especially cherished time with his beloved grandchildren, Finn, Rowan, and Tora; whether babysitting, sharing stories and wisdom, or treating them to McDonald's, he poured love into every moment he spent with them; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Leif Arnold Larsen 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 Leif Arnold Larsen, 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 Leif Arnold Larsen.