Senate Resolution No. 2296

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Arthur Francis Harkins, Jr., 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 endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Francis Harkins, Jr., of Verplanck, New York, died on April 11, 2026, at the age of 64; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Francis "Arty" Harkins, Jr., was born to Arthur F. Harkins, Sr., and Jean Harkins in Peekskill, New York, on November 13, 1961; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Harkins was a dedicated member of his community, serving as a longtime member of the Montrose Fire Department and the Buchanan Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Harkins was a family man; he enjoyed spending time with his wife and grandchildren; known for his love of the Boston Red Sox and the New York Giants, he also enjoyed playing golf, traveling, and enjoying a cold beer in his backyard; he was the life of every party, known for his sense of humor and unmatched quick wit; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong Verplanck resident, Arthur Francis Harkins, Jr., is survived by his loving wife, Kristin O'Sullivan-Harkins; children, Amanda Fell and Thomas Ventura; five grandchildren, Miles, Avi, Grayson, TJ, and Connor; sisters, Betty Jean O'Mara, Maureen (Charles) Eichler, and Marlene Harkins-Senik; and many nieces and nephews; he was predeceased by his sister, Eileen M. (Harkins) Wiese; brothers-in-law, Harold F. O'Mara, William J. Senik, and Robert J. Wiese; and nephew, Shawn M. O'Mara, Sr.; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Arthur Francis Harkins, Jr., 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 Arthur Francis Harkins, Jr.