

Assembly Resolution No. 1161

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Honoring Dr. Kenneth Padgett, D.C. for his countless contributions and decades of dedicated service to the Finger Lakes region

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those remarkable individuals who spend their lifetime contributing to the betterment of the communities throughout this great Empire State; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dr. Kenneth Padgett, D.C. for his countless contributions and decades of dedicated service to the Finger Lakes region; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Kenneth Padgett has been an eseteemed resident of the Finger Lakes region for over 70 years; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout these past seven decades, Dr. Kenneth Padgett has been a significant contributor to the fabric of life in the Finger Lakes region; and

**WHEREAS,** While serving his Nation on active duty with the United States Air Force, Dr. Kenneth Padgett held the rank of sergeant and was stationed at the former Sampson Air Force Base in Romulus, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** During his time stationed in Romulus, New York, Dr. Kenneth Padgett grew to love the Finger Lakes region and decided to make this area his permanent home, anchoring his life and career in the Finger Lakes region; and

**WHEREAS,** It was in the Finger Lakes region that Dr. Kenneth Padgett built a wonderful life with his beloved wife, Mary Ann, and established an active practice in chriopractic medicine, which would eventually lead to him becoming a national figure in the field of chiropractic medicine; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Kenneth Padgett is a distinguished leader in the chiropractic profession with a career spanning more than five decades in clinical practice, higher education, and professional service; he began practicing chiropractic in 1959 and spent nearly 50 years in private practice, building a reputation for excellence in patient care and dedication to the profession; and

**WHEREAS,** In recognition of the impact and success of his professional career, in 1989, Dr. Kenneth Padgett became the third president of the New York Chiropractic College, now known as the Northeast College of Health Sciences; and

**WHEREAS,** During Dr. Kenneth Padgett's tenure as president, the New York Chiropractic College experienced a significant transformation, and

in 1991, he led the acquisition of the institution's current 286-acre campus and oversaw its relocation from Long Island to Seneca Falls, New York; he concluded his presidency in 2000 and continued his service as Chancellor, providing long-standing leadership and guidance; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Kenneth Padgett has long demonstrated exceptional leadership across the chiropractic field; he served as president of the Association of Chiropractic Colleges, the American Chiropractic Association, the Association for Chiropractic History, and the New York State Chiropractic Association, helping to shape the direction and advancement of the profession at both state and national levels; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Kenneth Padgett's contributions have been recognized with numerous honors, including the American Chiropractic Association Chiropractor of the Year award, the Paul M. Tullio Award for Distinguished Service to the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, and the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Board's George Arvidson Award for meritorious service; he has also received multiple American Chiropractic Association Meritorious Service Awards to Humanity and Chiropractic; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Kenneth Padgett, now retired, serves as a member and volunteer at the Friends of the New York State Veterans Cemetery - Finger Lakes, which is located on the hallowed ground of the Sampson Air Force base where he first came to the region as a young Air Force trainee; despite his retirement, Dr. Kenneth Padgett still sees patients on a part-time basis at Ryan Chiropractic; and

**WHEREAS,** While in retirement, Dr. Kenneth Padgett resides in Varick, New York, during warmer months and spends the winter months enjoying the sun and warm climate in Florida; on Monday, June 22, 2026, Dr. Kenneth Padgett and his friends and family will celebrate his 97th birthday; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dr. Kenneth Padgett, D.C. for his countless contributions and decades of dedicated service to the Finger Lakes region; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Kenneth Padgett, D.C.