Assembly Resolution No. 1211

**BY:** M. of A. Miller

**HONORING** Harold "Tom" Clark, Jr. for his many years of distinguished service to the Mohawk Valley community

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize individuals whose professional achievements and personal endeavors have contributed to the strength, vitality, and prosperity of their communities; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Harold "Tom" Clark, Jr. for his many years of distinguished service and enduring contributions to Central New York and the Mohawk Valley; and

**WHEREAS,** A native of New Hartford, New York, Harold "Tom" Clark, Jr. was raised in a family deeply rooted in both business leadership and community service, instilling in him a lifelong commitment to entrepreneurship and civic engagement; and

**WHEREAS,** Over the course of his accomplished career, Tom Clark, Jr. has distinguished himself as a successful businessman and entrepreneur, serving as the owner of Mac-Clark Restaurants, which operates numerous McDonald's franchises establishments across Oneida, Herkimer, and Broome counties, while fostering economic growth and employment opportunities throughout the region; and

**WHEREAS,** Beyond his business endeavors, Tom Clark, Jr. has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the financial sector, serving as Chairman Emeritus of Adirondack Bank, where his vision and stewardship helped guide the institution's growth into a strong, locally focused community bank supporting individuals, businesses, and municipalities across Central and Upstate New York; and

**WHEREAS,** A devoted philanthropist, Tom Clark, Jr. has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to improving the lives of others through his extensive leadership and service with numerous charitable and nonprofit organizations, including Upstate Cerebral Palsy, The Salvation Army, and the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties; his support of initiatives such as Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central New York and the donation of Camp Ronald McDonald for children with special needs further reflect his dedication to uplifting families and strengthening communities throughout the region; and

**WHEREAS,** Tom Clark, Jr.'s commitment to service is further evidenced by his leadership roles with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central New York and numerous other initiatives benefiting children and families, as well as his support for recreational and youth programs throughout the Mohawk Valley; and

**WHEREAS,** A proud graduate of Utica College, Class of 1965, Tom

Clark, Jr. has remained steadfast in his dedication to his alma mater, becoming its first $1 million donor and serving as an emeritus member of the Foundation Board of Trustees; he was further recognized with an honorary Doctor of Laws degree in acknowledgment of his lasting contributions; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his life, Tom Clark, Jr. has exemplified the highest ideals of civic responsibility, generosity, and leadership, leaving an indelible mark on the institutions and communities he has served; 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 recognized and applauded by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Harold "Tom" Clark, Jr. for his outstanding contributions to the Mohawk Valley and for his enduring legacy of leadership, service, and philanthropy; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Harold "Tom" Clark, Jr.