

**BY:** M. of A. Woerner

**MOURNING** the death of David T. Wallingford, 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 life's work and public service served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

**WHEREAS,** With feelings of deep sadness, this Legislative Body records the passing of David T. Wallingford of Malta, New York, who died on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at his home on Saratoga Lake at the age of 81; and

**WHEREAS,** A lifelong resident of the Capital District, David T. Wallingford graduated from the Vincentian Institute in Albany, New York before continuing his education at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts; and

**WHEREAS,** After graduating college in 1967, David T. Wallingford proudly served his country as a United States Marine during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged in 1967 as a captain; and

**WHEREAS,** For his service in Vietnam, David T. Wallingford was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat V, the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V, the Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation and various campaign medals and ribbons; and

**WHEREAS,** David T. Wallingford was active in many veterans causes, including the Town of Malta Veterans Committee, the Marine Corps Coordinating Council, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Affairs, American Legion and the Stratton VA Medical Center; and

**WHEREAS,** For his dedicated and selfless work with veterans, in 2017, David T. Wallingford was named the American Red Cross's Military Hero of the Year; and

**WHEREAS,** David T. Wallingford was also the recipient of New York State Senate Liberty Medal and was an inductee into the New York State Senate's Veterans' Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS,** In 2012, the Malta Veterans Memorial Park was named in David T. Wallingford's honor for his lifetime of service; and

**WHEREAS,** A dedicated member of his community, David T. Wallingford served on the board of the Saratoga County Water Authority, Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District, the Town of Malta Planning Board, and the Friends of the New York State Military Museum; and

**WHEREAS,** David T. Wallingford's professional career included serving the State Division of Veterans' Affairs as Special Assistant to the Director, as well as Deputy Director for the Northeast, and as the Regional Administrator for the Division of Employment Services for the State Department of Labor; and

**WHEREAS,** David T. Wallingford, who was married to his loving wife, Helene Wallingford, for 54 years, had four cherished children and eight beloved grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS,** A man who gave of himself to his family and in steadfast service to our country, state, and community will long be revered and remembered; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of David T. Wallingford; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of the Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of David T. Wallingford.