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Senate Resolution No. 2543

BY: Senator WALCZYK

MOURNING the death of "Barefoot" Bob McCreadie,
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, Bob McCreadie of Watertown, New York, died on May 15, 2024,
at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, A prominent figure in northern New York auto racing, Bob
McCreadie was the most successful driver in modified racing, culminating
507 track victories from 1975 to 2005; and

WHEREAS, Beginning his racing career in 1971, Bob McCreadie adopted
his iconic No. 9 the following year; he won his first feature race in
1975; and

WHEREAS, Famous for driving a Plymouth Barracuda, thus earning the
nickname "Barefoot," Bob McCreadie excelled in small block races,
notably winning 32 races in 1979 and 34 in 1980; switching to big blocks
in 1981, he faced a dispute and boycotted Can-Am Speedway, but still
dominated the circuit and won 59 big-block features between 1985 and

1987; and

WHEREAS, Overcoming injuries, Bob McCreadie experienced five back fractures and one significant crash in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Bob McCreadie's remarkable career consists of 56 speedway wins, 29 points championships, eight series championships, 47 feature wins in 1994, champion of the prestigious Super DIRT Week race in 1986 at Syracuse fairgrounds, then back-to-back Super DIRT series titles in 1994 and 1995; and

WHEREAS, Known nationwide, Bob McCreadie was inducted into the Walk of Fame at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte, North Carolina in April of 2003; he was also inducted into the DIRT Motorsports Hall of Fame in Weedsport, New York; and

WHEREAS, Bob McCreadie distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

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

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Bob McCreadie 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 "Barefoot" Bob McCreadie, 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 Bob McCreadie.