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Senate Resolution No. 3257

BY: Senator KENNEDY

MOURNING the death of William P. Lynch, founder of the Depew Saints Hockey Club, 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, William P. Lynch of Depew, New York, passed away on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, William P. Lynch was a student at both the former St. Francis de Sales Elementary School and St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, After high school, William P. Lynch proudly served his country as a member of the United States Air Force during the Korean War where he served in the medical corps in Tripoli; upon his discharge, he returned to the United States, and attended the University of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, William P. Lynch distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the

welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, William P. Lynch served as a petroleum products salesman for Atlantic Richfield, before forming his own company, The Lubricator, selling lubricants to repair shops; and

WHEREAS, Later, William P. Lynch changed careers and worked with troubled youth at the Conners Residential Treatment Facility and the Methodist Home for Children, now Gateway-Longview; he officially retired from this position in 2000; and

WHEREAS, William P. Lynch's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, An avid sportsman, William P. Lynch organized and coached several teams at various locations such as St. Barnabas School, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament School and Catholic Central School; and

WHEREAS, After noticing local boys playing hockey on a patch of ice without adequate gear, William P. Lynch founded the Depew Saints Hockey Club, an outgrowth of the OLBS hockey program; after speaking with leaders of the Village of Depew, he organized volunteers to coach and children to play in the league; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 48 years, the Depew Saints Hockey Club has grown into an impressive powerhouse of a league, offering over 20 teams for young people to join; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work with youth sports, William P. Lynch was a founding member of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, now St. Martha's Parish, in Depew; in 1971, represented the

Church as the Chairman of the first Holy Name Society Convention; in that same year, he was named its Man of the Year; and

WHEREAS, William P. Lynch is survived by his wife of 57 years, Barbara; two daughters, Bridget Herod and Bonnie McElligott; two sons, Brendan Lynch and William P. Lynch, Jr.; one sister, Kathleen "Kay" Hohlstein; and eight grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, William P. Lynch 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 William P. Lynch, founder of the Depew Saints Hockey Club, 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 William P. Lynch.