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Senate Resolution No. 1334

BY: Senator GRIFFO

MOURNING the death of Lloyd P. Walsh, well-known broadcaster, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding individuals who distinguished themselves through their exceptional careers, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd P. Walsh, of Utica, New York, died at home on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at the age of 99; endowed with a naturally genial disposition and a spirit of tireless optimism, he will be remembered for his devotion to both his immediate family and his larger community; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd P. Walsh was born on January 2, 1922, in Oswego, New York, the son of Lloyd and Martha Balme Walsh; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from Oswego High School in 1939 and attended Oswego State Teachers College; and

WHEREAS, During World War II, Lloyd P. Walsh proudly served in both the Army Air Forces and the infantry where all his combat time was spent as a front-line rifleman in the 35th Division, a part of General Patton's 3rd Army; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return home from the war, Lloyd P. Walsh enrolled in the Radio Workshop at Syracuse University; and

WHEREAS, He married his college sweetheart, the former June Wood; the couple was happily married until her death in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Following Lloyd P. Walsh's graduation from Syracuse in 1948, he had a successful broadcasting career that ultimately spanned more than four decades; he worked in all phases of radio in the Utica area including programming, writing, administration, advertising sales, and on-air work; and

WHEREAS, He was best known for his play-by-play broadcasts of area high school and college basketball, and as the Saturday voice of Colgate University football on radio station WRUN; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Utica Advertising Club and the Sales Executives Club, Lloyd P. Walsh also served on the Development Council at St. Elizabeth Hospital; worked as a Literacy Volunteer; and advocated for the United Way; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement, Lloyd P. Walsh continued to share the skills he acquired as a broadcaster, by reading and recording books for the Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired; he was a long-time parishioner of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in South Utica; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, Lloyd P. Walsh was inducted into the Greater Utica Sports Hall of Fame, and he also served for several years on its Board of Directors; furthermore, he was a member of the SUNY/IT Sports Hall of Fame, and in 1988, was named "Man of the Year" by the East Utica Optimist Club; and

WHEREAS, An avid golfer, bowler, excellent swimmer and a dedicated runner, Lloyd P. Walsh could still be found on his treadmill each morning following a disciplined fitness routine well into his nineties; he was also an active member of the Skenandoa Golf Club; and

WHEREAS, Lloyd P. Walsh is survived by his six children, Kathleen (Robert) Berry, Nancy Walsh Manes, Susan Walsh, Jeanne Walsh, David Walsh, and Dr. Douglas Walsh; and his four grandchildren, Cara (Sean) Manes, Gina Manes (Steven) Willard, Meaghan (Jesse) Foltz, and Greg Walsh; as well as four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Lloyd P. Walsh 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; he will be deeply missed and truly merits the grateful tribute of this Legislative Body; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Lloyd P. Walsh, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Lloyd P. Walsh.