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Senate Resolution No. 2596

BY: Senator KENNEDY

MOURNING the death of John P. Scanlon, renowned public servant, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is with feelings of deepest regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of John P. Scanlon, a preeminent citizen whose distinguished public service and caring commitment will long serve as a standard to which others might aspire; and

WHEREAS, John P. Scanlon, of South Buffalo, New York, passed away on Thursday, April 28, 2022, at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, A native of the Old First Ward in Buffalo, John P. "Scanoots" Scanlon served as one of the late four-term Mayor James D. Griffin's top lieutenants; in this role, he diligently worked to make his community a better place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, After Mayor Griffin left office, John P. Scanlon brought his many years of experience and knowledge with him to the office of the incoming Mayor, Anthony M. Masiello; and

WHEREAS, Born on August 2, 1938, to the late John and Loretta (Bannister) Scanlon, John P. Scanlon attended Our Lady of Perpetual Help School where he first developed his considerable basketball skills; he proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army;

stationed in Germany, he was assigned to the Army's Berlin Bears Basketball Team and played basketball throughout Europe; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, John P. Scanlon married the former Paula Kuntz, and together, they raised seven children in his hometown of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unremitting commitment to his community, John P. Scanlon was named Grand Marshal of the 2009 Old Neighborhood Parade; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, and one sister, Betty Scanlon, John P. Scanlon is survived by his wife, Paula; one daughter, Kara; six sons, John M., Mark (Amanda), Michael (Jeanne), Brian, Christopher (Katie), and Patrick (Sinead); six grandchildren, Connall (Jessica), Thomas, Elizabeth, Adelaide, Siobhan, and Coraline; one great-grandchild, Lyla Keane; two sisters, Mary Grandy and Ann Parot; and one brother, James (Janet), as well as numerous other family members, friends and colleagues who will long cherish his memory; and

WHEREAS, John P. Scanlon was sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom he worked; committed to his community, he served the public with dignity, dedication and incisive wisdom; and

WHEREAS, Over a long and meritorious life of service on behalf of others, John P. Scanlon was a man of action, of integrity, and of commitment, whose true compassion was generously given to all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of benevolence, John P. Scanlon 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 The Honorable John P. Scanlon, renowned public servant, 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 The Honorable John P. Scanlon.