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Senate Resolution No. 326

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Donald Lee Singer Sr.,  
cherished family man, accomplished veteran, and  
distinguished lawyer

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 this  
great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Donald Lee Singer Sr. of Cortlandt Manor, New York, died on  
Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of New York, Donald Lee Singer Sr. was  
born in Manhattan, New York, and grew up primarily in the Bronx,  
attending New York City Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Donald Lee Singer Sr. joined the United States Air Force in  
1955, graduating from basic training at Sampson Air Force Base shortly  
thereafter; he was assigned to Homestead Air Force Base in Florida, and  
later transferred to a U.S. Base in Morocco, North Africa, where he was  
assigned to a B-47 bomber base; and

WHEREAS, In 1959, Donald Lee Singer Sr. received an Honorable  
Discharge from the Air Force after attaining the rank of Airman First  
Class; and

WHEREAS, With unwavering commitment to serving his country, Donald Lee Singer Sr. was also commissioned as a Captain in the U.S. Army, ultimately achieving the esteemed rank of Brigadier General; he partook in many military activities, and served four months with the National Guard at Ground Zero after the tragic events of 9/11; and

WHEREAS, Donald Lee Singer Sr. distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Joining the Greenburgh Police Department in Westchester, New York, in 1960, Donald Lee Singer Sr. valiantly rose through the ranks, proudly becoming Chief of Police in 1975, before retiring in 1992; and

WHEREAS, With unparalleled grit and determination, Donald Lee Singer Sr. admirably earned four college degrees, including a Doctor of Law in 1985, all while working full time; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement in 1992, Donald Lee Singer Sr. began to practice law full time; a truly generous man, he often gave of his time and energies providing pro bono services for those in need; and

WHEREAS, A licensed pilot since 1950, Donald Lee Singer Sr. was an active member of the Civil Air Patrol, holding the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and

WHEREAS, Donald Lee Singer Sr.'s commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Donald Lee Singer Sr. is survived by his beloved wife,

Anne; three revered sons, Donald Jr., Garry, and Brian; and six loving grandchildren, Lauren, Caroline, Matthew, Sofia, Anna, and Kyle; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Donald Lee Singer Sr. 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 Donald Lee Singer Sr., cherished family man, accomplished veteran, and distinguished lawyer; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Donald Lee Singer Sr.