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Senate Resolution No. 1275

BY: Senator COONEY

MOURNING the death of John M. Summers,
distinguished citizen, entrepreneur, and devoted
member of his community

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of John Summers,
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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, John M. "Dutch" Summers of Rochester, New York, died on
Friday, April 7, 2023, at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, Dutch was born on August 22, 1938, grew up in Fairport, New
York, and graduated from Fairport High School; he later attended the
Rochester Institute of Technology for which he later generously
supported and served as a Trustee; and

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

WHEREAS, A successful businessman and entrepreneur, Dutch built an

enterprise of dozens of businesses under the umbrella of Graywood Companies, Inc., a testament to his hard work and dedication to success; and

WHEREAS, Dutch's business ventures spanned many sectors, from manufacturing and industrial, to hospitality and real estate development; including Graywood Companies (formerly known as Jasco Tools, Inc., Jasco Heat Treating Inc., Selby Marketing, Rocky Mountain Granite, as well as countless commercial and residential real estate endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Dutch was a co-founder of the Rochester Rump Group, which merged into what is now known as the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce; additionally, he served as a trustee for RIT and, along with his late wife Jayne, founded the Summers Foundation to support educational, health, and human service organizations; and

WHEREAS, Dutch was committed to help those who strived to succeed but faced barriers beyond their control, Dutch's philanthropic interests included area schools, Young Women's College Prep and The Discovery School, Our Lady of Mercy, Nazareth College, Monroe Community College, the University of Rochester, and Rochester Institute of Technology; and

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

WHEREAS, Dutch is survived by his children Doug Summers (Harold Willson), Todd Summers (Cassandra) Jeff Summers (Sherrie), Andrew Holland (Janet), Susan Conrado (Ron) Kenny Holland (Laura), grandchildren Corey Summers and Austin Summers, Sisters-in-law Susie Summers and Kathy Summers, and his dear long-time friends Tina Bianca,

Mike Weed (Dawn) and Ken Marvald (Kelley DeMonte); and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Dutch 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 John M. "Dutch" Summers, distinguished citizen, entrepreneur, and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kenneth A. Marvald of Graywood Companies and the family of John M. "Dutch" Summers.