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Senate Resolution No. 1682

BY: Senator KENNEDY

MOURNING the death of Frank E. McClelland, Jr.,
beloved veterinarian, 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, Frank E. McClelland, Jr. of Kenmore, New York, died on
Thursday, December 29, 2016, at the age of 98; and

WHEREAS, Frank E. McClelland, Jr. was born to the late Frank E. and
Emma Carpenter McClelland, Sr.; he was raised in Kenmore where he was
active in the YMCA, Boy Scouts and the Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of the New York State Veterinary College at
Cornell University, Frank E. McClelland, Jr. left his mark as President
of the local chapter of Theta Xi Fraternity and as a member of their
Glee Club and Sage Chapel Choir; and

WHEREAS, Following in his father's footsteps, Frank E. McClelland,
Jr. joined the family practice, McClelland Veterinary Hospital, in
Buffalo, New York in 1940; and

WHEREAS, After being drafted in 1941, Frank E. McClelland, Jr. married his lovely wife, Gerry, before he served his country as a captain in the United States Army Veterinary Corps; and

WHEREAS, Frank E. McClelland, Jr. distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Upon his discharge, Frank E. McClelland, Jr. returned to the family practice where he picked up where he left off, caring for and treating the animals in his community; and

WHEREAS, Frank E. McClelland, Jr. was a pioneer in the x-ray therapy of small animals and in cancer chemotherapy; with the help of his brother, he won the American Veterinary Medical Practitioner of the Year Award as a result of intensive survey of methods of immunizing dogs against distemper; and

WHEREAS, Frank E. McClelland, Jr. was a dedicated member of numerous organizations including the Veterinary Medical Association, the Niagara Frontier Veterinary Society, the New York State Veterinary Medical Society and the New York State Association of Professions; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Frank E. McClelland, Jr. served on the Board of Directors and then Chairman of the Delaware Family YMCA, and was an active member of the Sandy Beach Yacht Club, the Buffalo Rotary Club and Erie Lodge F&AM as well as the Society for the Preservation of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America (SPBSQSA); and

WHEREAS, For his over 35 years of dedicated service to his community, Frank E. McClelland, Jr. was the recipient of the New York

State Distinguished Life Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Frank E. McClelland, Jr.'s commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Frank E. McClelland, Jr. is survived by his two sons, Jeffrey F. McClelland and Mark E. McClelland, and one daughter, Marcia Hubbard; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Frank E. McClelland, Jr. 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 Frank E. McClelland, Jr., beloved veterinarian, 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 Frank E. McClelland, Jr.