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Senate Resolution No. 1806

BY: Senator KENNEDY

MOURNING the death of George Malek, 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, George Malek of Buffalo, New York, passed away on Friday, March 17, 2017, at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, Born on April 8, 1934, to Stephen and Theresa Malek, George Malek graduated from Bishop Fallon High School, Canisius College and the University at Buffalo, where he studied management; and

WHEREAS, George Malek valiantly served in the United States Army from 1957 to 1959, participating in special services while based in Germany; and

WHEREAS, For more than 25 years, George Malek worked in leadership positions in the automobile business, before becoming general manager of then the nation's oldest Lincoln Mercury dealership in Buffalo, D&E Motors; and

WHEREAS, Upon his retirement in 1980, George Malek devoted more than 13 years to the Heritage Centers where he helped developmentally disabled adults find employment; and

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

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his community, George Malek served as President of the Amherst Symphony Orchestra Association, Vice President of Upstage New York, Chairman of the Town of Amherst Arts and Culture Board, and as a Board Member of Studio Arena Theatre; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he gave tirelessly of his time and energies to such organizations as United Way, Hospice Buffalo, the Morningside Homeowners Association, and the North Forest Civic Association; and

WHEREAS, George Malek was also a staunch supporter of the University at Buffalo Center of the Arts, AIDS Community Services and the Heritage Centers; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, George Malek was bestowed both the Super Volunteer Award and the Exceptional Services Award by Studio Arena; he also received United Way's Distinguished Loaned Executive Award, the Town of Amherst Distinguished Services Award, and the Outstanding Fundraising Award from AIDS Community Services; and

WHEREAS, George Malek retired to Florida in 2001, where he was a member of the Palm Beach Round Table, the Norton Museum of Art, Boca Raton Museum of Art, Hospice of Palm Beach County, and the Palm Beach

Yacht Club; he also volunteered for Palm Beach Dramaworks; and

WHEREAS, George Malek is survived by his wife of 56 years, Lynn; his daughter, Rebecca; and his sister, Agnes, as well as nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, George Malek 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 George Malek, 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 George Malek.