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Senate Resolution No. 3441

BY: Senator AKSHAR

MOURNING the death of Delivan W. Gates,
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, Affectionately known as Augie, Delivan W. Gates of Vestal,
New York, died on October 21, 2017, at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, Augie Gates was a graduate of Watkins Glen High School
where he excelled in many sports; he went on to play lacrosse and
football at Hobart College, graduating in 1956; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his studies, Augie Gates proudly
served his nation as a United States Marine Corp Captain for five years;
during this time, he and his wife Helen started their family at Camp
Lejeune in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Augie Gates worked as an Engineer for the Rochester Phone
Company in Geneseo, New York, before moving to Vestal in 1964; he spent
his illustrious career in the Asphalt Industry for more than 50 years,

30 of which as the proud owner of Broome Bituminous Products; and

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

WHEREAS, A true asset to his community, Augie Gates was a member of the Watkins Glen Elks Club and a past president of the Vestal Kiwanis Club; he served as president of the Geneganslet Lake Association and was a former board member of the New York State Asphalt Pavement Association; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Augie Gates was an early Director of the Vestal Youth Football league, a Vestal Recreation board member and served on the Vestal planning board for many years; he belonged to Our Lady of Sorrows Church for 52 years, where he served as an Usher with many of his close friends; and

WHEREAS, An avid golfer and tennis player, Augie Gates enjoyed playing throughout the winter months in Stuart, Florida; he also enjoyed spending his summers at Geneganslet Lake with his family, fishing and boating; and

WHEREAS, Augie Gates was a loving husband and father who was proud of his family; he was a generous man who regularly supported local youth sports; he was a man of honor and integrity who will be greatly missed by his family, friends and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, Delivan and Lela Gates, and a niece, Gail Marie, Augie Gates is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Helen; five children, Seana, Michael (Mary Jo), Christopher

(Cheryl), Daniel (Karen) and KellyAnne; 10 grandchildren, Christine and (Sean), Elizabeth, Matthew, Brent (Olga), Christian, Benjamin, Erika, Lauren, Carlyne and Natalie; four great-grandchildren, SJ, Rogan, Brooklyn and Alex; a sister, Marlene; sister-in-law, Pat; and brothers-in-law, Harry and Frank (Elizabeth); as well as many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Augie Gates 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 Delivan W. Gates, 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 Delivan W. Gates.