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Senate Resolution No. 4486

BY: Senator AKSHAR

MOURNING the death of Vincent J. Briga,  
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, Vincent J. Briga of Endicott, New York, died on Friday,  
March 30, 2018, at the age of 64; and

WHEREAS, Vincent J. Briga was a lifelong parishioner of St. Anthony  
of Padua Church, where he was a proud member and Vice President of the  
Holy Name Society; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to his  
community, Vincent J. Briga spent several years volunteering at local  
Italian festivals including the St. Anthony's Feast Days and Gusto; he  
also spent many years in George W. Johnson Park, organizing concerts and  
giving rides to everyone on his famous golf cart; and

WHEREAS, Vincent J. Briga coached countless children in his beloved  
community through the years, and enjoyed spending summers at Sertoma

Field; he was also a member of the T.C. Jets and loved nothing more than watching the Steelers with his son; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he organized the first ever "Mass on the Grass," where he was honored to see so many people from throughout the county in attendance and showing their support; and

WHEREAS, Vincent J. Briga valued bringing people together and sharing old stories on the Don Giovanni radio show; he also enjoyed celebrating his Italian heritage, both on the show, and in his daily life; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, Vincent and Christine Briga; and his mother-in-law, Mildred Watkins, Vincent J. Briga is survived by his wife, Tammy; son, Vincent; brother, Don; father-in-law, George Watkins Sr. (Gina); sisters-in-law, Patricia Santos (Chuck) and Tonya Watkins; brother-in-law, George Watkins Jr. (Lisa); five nieces, Silvia, Bianca, Gabriella, Elise and Julia; and two nephews, Ciano and Shane; he is also survived by several cousins, including his closest cousins, Peter Mataloni, George Price, Frank Yanni, and Joseph Mataloni, who he always viewed as brothers; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Vincent J. Briga 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 Vincent J. Briga, 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 Vincent J. Briga.