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Senate Resolution No. 5792

BY: Senator AMEDORE

MOURNING the death of James Patrick Mills Sr., 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, James Patrick Mills Sr. of Catskill, New York, died on Friday, June 1, 2018, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Born on October 2, 1931, in Manhattan, James Patrick Mills Sr. was the son of the late Martin and Helen Mills; and

WHEREAS, He served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps. during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, In November of 1954, James Patrick Mills Sr. became a New York State Trooper; he was employed by the New York State Police for 37 years prior to his retirement as an investigator; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement, James Patrick Mills Sr. continued to work as a sergeant-at-arms for the New York State Legislature for an

additional 13 years; and

WHEREAS, James Patrick Mills Sr. distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, James Patrick Mills Sr. married the former Gloria "Jerry" Gaffney on April 11, 1959; and

WHEREAS, James Patrick Mills Sr.'s commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, A communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Catskill, James Patrick Mills Sr. served as a coach for St. Patrick's Girls Softball Team for several years, and was an avid golfer and long-time member of the Catskill Golf Club; he also enjoyed skiing and bowling, and was a member of the Over The Hill Gang Softball Team and Catskill Old-Timers Softball League; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his brother, Harry Mills; and his sister, Helen Mills Bruff, James Patrick Mills Sr. is survived by his wife, Gloria Mills; his son, James P. (Shelby) Mills, Jr.; his daughter, Kerry Mills (Christopher) Miller; his brother, Martin (Kathleen) Mills; five grandchildren, Kathleen Miller, Shannon Miller, James Miller, Ryan Mills, and Collin Mills; and one great-granddaughter, Khloe Bliss Roberts; as well as several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, James Patrick Mills Sr. 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 James Patrick Mills Sr., 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 James Patrick Mills Sr.