

By Legislators Yudelson and Brew

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2025

IN MEMORIAM

EXPRESSING REGRET OF THE MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATURE ON THE RECENT PASSING OF JOEL A. MORRIS, FATHER OF MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATOR KIRK MORRIS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monroe County Legislature hereby expresses its deepest sympathy at the recent passing of Joel A. Morris, father of Monroe County Legislator Kirk Morris; and

WHEREAS, Joel A. Morris passed away peacefully on October 26, 2025, at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, Joel was born January 8, 1941 in Rochester, New York. After graduating from Old Edison Tech High School with a specialty in Lithography, he began a remarkable forty-one year career with Case-Hoyt as a Lithographer, where he rose to the position of First Pressman and earned the nickname "The Barn Boss." Even when offered management positions, Joel chose to remain alongside his fellow pressmen, choosing solidarity over title. Following his retirement, he served his community in Greece Animal Control and as in-house delivery man for town departments; and

WHEREAS, Joel also served proudly in the New York Army National Guard, earning medals for Service in Aid of Civil Authorities and as an Expert with the M-1 Rifle. He was a member of the American Legion and was nominated to the National Rifle Association's Legion of Honor. His military service and continued community involvement reflected a lifelong devotion to duty and country; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Joel married the love of his life, Mary Lou Donofrio. Together they shared fifty-eight years of partnership, laughter, and unwavering devotion, raising four and building a family grounded in love, hard work, and generosity. Joel took great joy in family gatherings, camping trips, and simple evenings surrounded by those he loved most. His home was always filled with warmth, humor, and good food, from his famous ribs and apple pies to his homemade hot sauce; and

WHEREAS, Joel A. Morris was predeceased by his parents, Jane and George Morris. He is survived by his devoted wife, Mary Lou Morris; his beloved children Alan, Kirk (Wendy), Janine (Lee), and Keith (Shirli); seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and many more friends and family. He will be remembered as a devoted husband, loving father, loyal friend, and tireless provider. His humor, integrity, and selflessness touched everyone who knew him and he will be missed by all.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the bereaved family.

This resolution was adopted unanimously with each legislator rising in his or her place for a moment of silence.