

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY

BUFFALO, NEW YORK, MAY 26, 2016

**Memorial Resolution in Remembrance of the
Honorable Kenneth J. Meyers**

WHEREAS, On May 19, 2016, the Town of Cheektowaga and the County of Erie lost the Honorable Kenneth J. Meyers, a loyal father, husband and friend, as well as a valued and respected community leader; and

WHEREAS, Ken is survived by his wife of 52 years, Joan Meyers; his four children, Lisa, Guy, Marc and Timothy; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Ken was an astute politician and an even better person, giving countless hours of his personal time as a volunteer as well as having mentored many young public servants throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, Ken was an electrician for more than 50 years and a member of Local No. 41, he was born in Buffalo and graduated from Seneca Vocational High School, and after graduation served in the U.S. Navy from 1953 to 1955; and

WHEREAS, Ken was a member of Queen of Martyrs Catholic Church for 58 years, where he served as Parish Lawn Fete Chairman and founded the 52 Week Club, Mr. Meyers also belonged to its Holy Name Society and received the Man of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Ken was well known in Cheektowaga as a Civic Leader, as a member of the Francis Donovan Post, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Knights of Columbus, Cheektowaga Historical Society, and founder of the Cheektowaga Patriotic Committee and Beverly Hills Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth J. Meyers was sworn-in as Cheektowaga Town Supervisor in 1976 and served until 1983, and he also served as a Town Councilman as well as serving as Cheektowaga Town Committee Democratic Chairman for three years; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure Ken presided over a host of town infrastructure improvements including sewer construction; upgraded youth, recreation and senior service programs; and the creation of a network of community parks, including Stiglmeier Park on Losson Road; as well as coping with the devastating effects of the Blizzard of '77; and

WHEREAS, as a tribute to Ken’s impact on the Town of Cheektowaga, the Town Board formally named the Town Park Recreation Center the “Kenneth J. Meyers Recreation Center.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby mourn the passing of Kenneth J. Meyers and pause in its deliberations to honor and celebrate the Life of Mr. Meyers, and offer our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy to the Meyers’ family, and all his friends and colleagues.

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