

# STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY  
BUFFALO, N.Y., APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 A.D.

## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE HONORABLE JOHN T. CURTIN

**I HEREBY CERTIFY**, *That at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County, held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:*

**WHEREAS**, The Erie County Legislature joins the entire community in mourning the death of **Judge John T. Curtin**; and

**WHEREAS**, **Judge Curtin** grew up in South Buffalo and graduated from Canisius High School, Canisius College, and the University at Buffalo Law School; and

**WHEREAS**, **Judge Curtin** joined the United States Marine Corps during World War II and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and as a Marine Corps fighter pilot flew 35 combat missions in support of Marine ground troops in the South Pacific, surviving a crash landing during one of his missions; and

**WHEREAS**, **Judge Curtin** served as a law clerk in State Supreme Court, later serving as US Attorney, and in 1967, he was appointed to the federal bench where he served for more than 48 years; and

**WHEREAS**, **Judge Curtin**, during his more than four decades on the bench, oversaw and ruled on many high profile and controversial cases in Western New York including, Buffalo school desegregation and the Love Canal; and

**WHEREAS**, **Judge Curtin** is survived by his wife, the former Jane Good, who he married in 1952, four daughters, Ann Maxwell, Patricia Curtin, Dr. Mary Ellen Curtin and Eileen Bellanca; three sons, John, Mark, and William; 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the Erie County Legislature does hereby mourn the passing of **John T. Curtin** and pause in its deliberations to honor and celebrate the life of **Judge Curtin**, and offer our thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and colleagues.