

**STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
BUFFALO, NY, FEBRUARY 19, 2021**

In Remembrance of Gary M. Stott

WHEREAS, Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, on January 15, 2021, removed from our midst **Gary M. Stott** in whose death we have lost a loving husband, father, valued and respected citizen, and whose family has lost a leader, kind and devoted member; and

WHEREAS, Gary Stott born in Buffalo, the oldest of three children, and grew up in the Town of Tonawanda; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, he graduated of Cardinal O'Hara High School, where he was an all-Catholic League shortstop on the baseball team and a varsity basketball player; and

WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Canisius College in 1972 and a master's degree in business administration from the University at Buffalo in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stott began his career as a senior accountant at what was then Price Waterhouse, then served as business manager for Sisters Hospital from 1976 to 1979; and

WHEREAS, he returned to Western New York as president of Dunhill of Buffalo in 1989, then became vice president at Supplemental Health Care Services in 1994; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, Gary started his own human resource consulting firm where he placed hundreds of accountants and financial officers in positions across the region; and

WHEREAS, he then became a partner in Sandhill Investment Management in 2007, retiring about five years ago; and

WHEREAS, Gary served as president and a longtime board member of the Buffalo Renaissance Foundation; and

WHEREAS, in addition, he served as a board member of the Regional Traffic Alliance and a former member of the Saturn Club; and

WHEREAS, he was a past board member at the Cherry Hill Club and more recently a member of the Niagara Falls Country Club; and

WHEREAS, he also served on the Kids Escaping Drugs Golf Committee from 1992 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, Gary also spent time in Grand Island as a resident since 1989, where he became an avid golfer and even shot two holes-in-one; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stott is survived by his wife of 46 years, the former Cheryl M. Ferro, a retired Grand Island elementary school teacher; two daughters, Gillian M. Stott and Courtney A. Sinatra; two sisters, Kathy Sparks and Dana Rzepa; and a grandson; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to the life of **Gary M. Stott** whose lifelong dedication to God, family and community are an inspiration to be admired, emulated and honored.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature does hereby mourn the passing of **Gary M. Stott** and pause in its deliberations to recognize his praiseworthy life, his love of family and for his commitment and devotion to the betterment of our community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature express its sympathy and condolences to the **Stott** family and to his many friends, knowing full well that he has received his eternal and glorified reward in Heaven, having heard the consoling words of the Master, "*Well done, thou good and faithful servant.*"

Hon. Lisa M. Chimera
Erie County Legislator, 3rd District

Robert M. Graber
Clerk of the Erie County Legislature