

By Legislators Brew and Felder

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2020

IN MEMORIAM

EXPRESSING REGRET OF THE MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATURE ON THE RECENT PASSING OF THOMAS D. COOK, CHAIRMAN OF THE MONROE COUNTY CONSERVATIVE PARTY

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monroe County Legislature hereby expresses its deepest sympathy at the recent passing of Thomas D. Cook, Chairman of the Monroe County Conservative Party; and

WHEREAS, Tom passed away on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020 at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, Tom graduated from Pittsford Sutherland High School in 1964. He attended Denison College, graduating in 1968, and graduated from Syracuse University Law School in 1973. Prior to attending Law School, Tom proudly served our nation as part of the US Marine Corps in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Tom was admitted to practice law in New York State in 1974 and went on to have a stellar legal career. He and his wife, Maria, owned 'Barrister's,' a downtown restaurant popular among attorneys. In 1979, Tom was elected to lead to Conservative Party and continued to do so for 41 years until the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, Over the past several decades, Tom was a local political icon in our region, pushing candidates of a variety of political parties to victory. He had an incredible impact on local government and grew the Monroe County Conservative Party to be the most successful in New York State. Tom supported many judicial campaigns and led a concerted effort to help women candidates get elected; and

WHEREAS, Tom is predeceased by his parents Garrett and Betty Cook, and sister Betty Fulmer. He is survived by his wife Maria; niece Dawn (Tom) and nephew Daniel (Kris); great-nieces, Carrie and Lily and great-nephews, Matt and Patrick; as well as many dear friends; and

WHEREAS, Tom will be remembered for his fierce loyalty and friendship. He was hardworking and well-respected by all who he encountered and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

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.