

Intro. No. ____

RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2022

IN MEMORIAM

EXPRESSING REGRET OF THE MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATURE ON THE RECENT PASSING OF GEORGE WILCOX, FATHER OF FORMER LEGISLATOR JUSTIN WILCOX AND FORMER MONROE COUNTY EMPLOYEE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monroe County Legislature hereby expresses its deepest sympathy at the recent passing of George Wilcox; and

WHEREAS, George C. "Papa" Wilcox, father of former Legislator and Minority Staff Director Justin Wilcox, was born on October 25, 1951 to George and Ruth Wilcox, and passed away on April 3, 2022; and

WHEREAS, A beloved patriarch to the Wilcox, Cummings and Corona families, a product of the 60's and an activist, George's true passion was his family; and

WHEREAS, George's mother died when he was eight years old and he and his three siblings were separated and placed with different foster care families. This separation, and the loss of his brother Gerard when he was in his 20s made George appreciate the importance of family; and

WHEREAS, As a young teen in the '60s, he left Rochester to go to NYC where he worked at Steve Paul's The Scene in Greenwich Village – a renowned club where well-known musicians and interesting people gathered. George spent time with people like Tiny Tim, Les Chamber, and Mama Cass, and even played harmonica on stage with many musicians, including Jimmy Hendrix; and

WHEREAS, George was also engaged in politics throughout his life. He was an activist in the '60s and was part of the famous protest at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. George worked for the Monroe County Board of Elections for more than two decades, and in 1990, he went to Nicaragua as an international observer to monitor their elections; and

WHEREAS, George met his wife, Marianne when they were both teenagers and together they built a beautiful life filled with family, friends and love. George cared about people, especially children working for years as a youth care advocate. His entire life he enjoyed making people smile wherever he went, he listened and did his best to make everyone feel special. George was generous, charismatic, complicated, passionate and truly one of a kind. George left this world on his own terms, peacefully at his home filled with love; and

WHEREAS, George is survived by his wife of 51 years, Marianne "Mimi" (Corona) Wilcox, his sons Justin and Dr. Eric Wilcox. He had many loving relatives including his grandchildren, Kelsi Rain, Quinnlin Gerard, Evelyn Senay, Brennan George, Torin Cole, and Everett Orion, his nephews and nieces, his sister and brother, and so many more dear friends and loved ones.

WHEREAS, George will be sorely missed, but the memories shared with him will be with his family and friends for many lifetimes.

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.

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