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Assembly Resolution No. 312

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MOURNING the death of William Thomas Mahan, United States Army Veteran, distinguished citizen, and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, There are certain outstanding members of our community who, through their selfless commitment and dedication, have served to better the quality of life in our community and have had a measurable positive impact on the lives of its residents; William Thomas Mahan was one such individual; and

WHEREAS, It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of William Thomas Mahan, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, William Thomas Mahan, known affectionately to friends and family as Bill, of New City, New York, died on Sunday, January 8, 2023, six days before his 93rd birthday; and

WHEREAS, William Thomas Mahan was Jesuit-educated and graduated from Fairfield University in 1952, where he majored in Pre-law and Government; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, William Thomas Mahan entered the Army and served as a Staff Sergeant during the Korean War; he was honorably discharged in 1960; and

WHEREAS, In 1954, while still in the U.S. Army, he married the love of his life, Nancy Jeanne Keeley; the two would have celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary this past February; and

WHEREAS, William Thomas Mahan joined IBM where he had a 33-year career after his release from active military service in 1954; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering commitment to our nation's veterans, William Thomas Mahan was very active in veteran affairs, having served as Commander of the William E. DeBevoise, Jr. American Legion Post 1682 in New City, and Rockland County Commander; he also held a variety of other positions, and served on various committees at the county, district, and state level of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, William Thomas Mahan served as the New York State American Legion Consultant for the Legislative Committee and had been actively involved in pursuing veterans benefits at the State Capitol in Albany; and

WHEREAS, William Thomas Mahan was a member of the NYS Senate Veterans Advisory Committee and the National Americanism Council; and

WHEREAS, He was graciously awarded a Life Membership of the American Legion, a member of the 40/8, ANIVICUS, the Disabled American Veterans, the Korean War Veterans, the Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Haverstraw Elks; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, William Thomas Mahan was appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate to serve on the New York State Veterans Home in Montrose, New York, and served as President of the Board of Visitors for eight years; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades throughout his long life, William Thomas Mahan received the New York State Senate and New York State Assembly Certificate of Merit, Daughters of the American Revolution Community Service Award, Rockland County Legionnaire of the Year, the Rockland County Veteran of the Year, New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame, and Clarkstown Senior Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a deep sense of compassion, William Thomas Mahan leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of William Thomas Mahan, United States Army Veteran, distinguished citizen, and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of William Thomas Mahan.