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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Sally B. Sanfilippo, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and WHEREAS, Sally B. Adam Sanfilippo of Binghamton, New York, died on Friday, April 24, 2009, at the age of 67; and WHEREAS, A graduate of D'Youville College, Sally B. Sanfilippo was a former case worker for Monroe County Department of Social Services, and then for 20 years, she was the volunteer coordinator at Willow Point Nursing Home; and WHEREAS, She cared deeply for the sick, the poor and the elderly; during those two decades, Sally B. Sanfilippo trained volunteers at the Nursing Home, always stressing the fact that residents be treated with respect and dignity; and WHEREAS, Sally B. Sanfilippo distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; her commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors: and WHEREAS, A communicant of St. James Church, Johnson City, New York, and a member of the Ladies of Charity, the Catholic Women's League of Canada, and a volunteer for Meals on Wheels, Sally B. Sanfilippo also was a past board member of both the Catholic Social Services and the Action for Older Persons: and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by her parents, Edgar and Beatrice Adam; her sister, Patricia Skowronski; a brother, Orval Adam; and her loving dog,

"Maggie", Sally B. Sanfilippo is survived by her loving husband of 42 years, The Honorable Joseph S. Sanfilippo; her daughters and son-in-law, Lisa Sanfilippo and Charles Izzo, and Michelle Sanfilippo; two grandchildren, Sophia and Emilie Rose Izzo; and a brother, John Adam, and his partner, Gary MacMillan, as well as several nieces and nephews; and WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Sally B. Sanfilippo taught her family the true meaning of love; with a contagious laugh and a wonderful sense of humor, she leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Sally B. Sanfilippo, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Sally B. Sanfilippo.