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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Raymond S. Sant, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his 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, Raymond Spafford Sant of Fair Haven, New York, died on Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at the age of 72; and

WHEREAS, Born in Auburn, New York, to the late Raymond T. and Mabelle Spafford Sant, Raymond graduated from Cato-Meridian High School in 1954; he then received his B. A. degree from Cornell University in 1958; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Cornell University, Raymond S. Sant was commissioned in the United States Army Reserves and served until he was honorably discharged as a Captain in 1969; and

WHEREAS, In 1962, he received his Juris Doctor degree from Syracuse University College of Law, and subsequently began his legal career at the law firm of Michaels, Port and Cuddy; he also joined Judge Peter Corning in the practice of law in Auburn, as well as opening his own law office in Cato, which he maintained for 45 years; and

WHEREAS, Raymond S. Sant was admitted to practice before the New York State Appellate Division Fourth Department in 1963; he then served as Assistant Cayuga County Attorney from 1964 until 1968, when he was appointed Cayuga County Attorney, retiring in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Raymond S. Sant distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, The same year he retired, Raymond S. Sant was granted the honor of practicing law before the Supreme Court of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Deeply committed to his community, he was the recipient of the Distinguished Native Son Award, and was appointed as the first Water Deputy for Cayuga County; furthermore, he served as Trustee of Cayuga Community College from 2001-2002, and was a member of the Cato Volunteer

Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his parents, Raymond S. Sant is predeceased by his sister, Jane Sant Brockman; he is survived by his loving companion of many years, Alice M. House, and her six children, Cheryl, David, Stefan, Hugh, Jana, and Lesley; as well as his four nephews, Paul (Beth) Brockman, Ted (Georgette) Brockman, Peter (Robin) Brockman, and Mark (Gail) Brockman; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Raymond S. Sant 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 Raymond S. Sant, 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 Raymond S. Sant.