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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Professor Joseph A.M. Camardo Sr., 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, Professor Joseph A.M. Camardo Sr. of Auburn, New York, died on Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, The son of the late D. Anthony and Theresa Frumento Camardo, Professor Joseph A.M. Camardo Sr. was a life-long resident of Auburn, New York, as well as a devoted communicant of St. Francis Church, where his grandfather was one of the founding members; and

WHEREAS, The patriarch of the first five generation family of parishioners at St. Francis Church, Professor Joseph A.M. Camardo Sr. was very active in all church activities including Parish Council, Finance Committee, Trustee, Head Usher, Eucharistic Minister, family picnics, festivals, minstrel shows and ultimately the parish's 100th anniversary committee; he also worked tirelessly behind the scenes to not only maintain the church's grounds, but to maintain the church's spirit itself; and

WHEREAS, Professor Joseph A.M. Camardo Sr. was a talented musician, and in his youth was well-known for being the band leader for both The Stardusters and Collegians Bands, both orchestras were popular during the late 1940s and early 1950s; and

WHEREAS, A proud veteran, Professor Joseph A.M. Camardo Sr. served during the Korean Conflict as a sergeant in the 45th Infantry Division; for his valiant service, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, as well as three battle stars for conflict involvement; and

WHEREAS, As a testament to his love for this Nation and the brotherhood of men he served with, Professor Joseph A.M. Camardo Sr. became instrumental in the formation of the local chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association; his commitment to this cause made him a key figure in the erection of both the local Korean War Monument as well as the newly opened Veterans Memorial Park; and

WHEREAS, By virtue of Professor Joseph A.M. Camardo Sr.'s long-standing and unwavering efforts, the people of central New York have had the opportunity to be entertained by countless military bands and ensembles from all branches of the Armed Forces; these concerts were put on at no charge to the public by virtue of his singular involvement and organizational efforts; and

WHEREAS, Professor Joseph A.M. Camardo Sr. was a graduate of Auburn East High School Class of 1947, LeMoyne College, Syracuse University and SUNY Brockport, ultimately earning two Masters in Education; and

WHEREAS, Professor Joseph A.M. Camardo Sr. was a long-seated professor of Business and Accounting at Cayuga Community College, where he was a Faculty Association President and served on its Advisory as well as Negotiating committees; he further served as an advisor to both the Newman and Business Clubs; he also served on various state educational review committees; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his efforts of in-depth magnitude, Professor Joseph A.M. Camardo Sr. was nominated as one of America's outstanding educators in 1974 and 1975; and

WHEREAS, Professor Joseph A.M. Camardo Sr. distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Professor Joseph A.M. Camardo Sr.'s commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Professor Joseph A.M. Camardo Sr.'s involvement in the

Central New York community as a whole could be defined only as tireless; his community service activities included being officer/treasurer of the American Legion, Vice Commander of Carnicelli Indelicato Post, Community Affairs of the Knights of Columbus, where he was a Fourth Degree Knight; and

WHEREAS, He was also a member of the Board of Cayuga County Citizens Council, Board of Education for Holy Family and St. Francis Schools, Small Business Chairman of the United Fund, Treasurer of the Cayuga Museum, founder of the Auburn Lodge-Sons of Italy, founder and Chairman of the Italian Heritage Society, Mayor's Citizen Advisory Committee, Board Vice President of Auburn Chamber Orchestra, Board member of the American Italian Association and Museum in Utica, and ultimately his previously stated involvement as President and Treasurer of Chapter 296 Korean Veterans Association; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by a brother, Rocco Camardo, Professor Joseph A.M. Camardo Sr. is survived by his wife, Marion Reginelli Camardo, two sons, Joseph Jr. and his wife Nancy, and John and his wife Lisa; three daughters, May Ann Balloni, Donna Bruno and her husband Bob, and Lisa Minnoe and her husband Kevin; a sister, Carmella Petrosino; and ten grandchildren, Theresa, Cristina, John Jr., Nicholas, Anthony, David, Andrea, Matthew, Erica and Brianna; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Professor Joseph A.M. Camardo Sr. 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 Professor Joseph A.M. Camardo Sr., 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 Professor Joseph A.M. Camardo Sr.