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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Lou Christopher upon the occasion of his retirement at 96 years young after 30 years of public service with the Robach family

WHEREAS, In the course of the evolving development of the Empire State, there have emerged certain public servants of truly magnanimous conduct and bearing; we call these individuals "distinguished citizens" of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend such a distinguished public servant, Lou Christopher, upon the occasion of his retirement at 96 years young after 30 years of public service with the Robach family; and

WHEREAS, Lou Christopher began his tenure with the Robach family in 1974, when Roger Robach won his first term in the Assembly; after Roger's passing in 1991, Lou continued on the staff of Joe Robach who was elected to the seat vacated by his father and later to the New York State Senate; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his diligent service in the Legislature, Lou Christopher had a distinguished career with the Eastman Kodak Company, where he began working as a laborer in 1942, and retired as a foreman in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Lou Christopher is not only someone dedicated to public service, he epitomizes citizenship in every way humanly possible; he is a role model for how to better your community, be active in your government and be a good neighbor; he is a true champion of people; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Lou Christopher has always been actively involved in community projects such as running the St. Anthony's Day Festival; he is also known as an unofficial chronicler of Charlotte and Rochester history; and

WHEREAS, Lou Christopher's love for public service is only trumped by his love of his family; he has been married to Louise (Falone) Christopher, his childhood sweetheart, since 1937; they are the proud parents of Joan and Bernie and are blessed with three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the occurrence of such a compassionate blending of strength, leadership, intellect, and commitment as that demonstrated by Lou Christopher over a lifetime of sacrifice and dedication to others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Lou Christopher upon the occasion of his retirement at 96 years young after 30 years of public service with the Robach family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lou Christopher.