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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Perry Tzetzo, 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, Perry Tzetzo of East Amherst, New York died on April 27, 2009 at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, Perry Tzetzo began working in the family business that was founded by his father and uncles, Tzetzo Bros. Inc., while he was still in school; the business was located on Pearl Street until the 1950s, then moved to Kenmore; and

WHEREAS, Active in the company with his brother, sisters and cousins for all his life, Perry Tzetzo continued as chairman of the board after he retired from daily activities, serving until 2004; and

WHEREAS, Born in Buffalo, New York, Perry Tzetzo was a graduate of Hutchinson-Central High School and the University of Buffalo; he served in the Army as a Japanese language translator in the Philippines during World War II; and

WHEREAS, A member of numerous trade organizations, Perry Tzetzo served on the board of directors of the National Candy Wholesalers Association and the New York State Candy and Tobacco Distributors Association; and

WHEREAS, Perry Tzetzo was also a lifelong member of Hellenic Orthodox Church of the Annunciation and a longtime member of Transit Valley Country Club; and

WHEREAS, Perry Tzetzo is survived by his wife of 55 years, the former Martha Ticco; three sons, Thomas, Steve and Christopher; a daughter, Alexandra Morphis; a brother, Dimitri; and a sister, Fadra Valauri, all

of whom felt privileged to be a part of his life and rejoiced in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Perry Tzetzo 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 Perry Tzetzo, 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 Perry Tzetzo.