

## 2009-J902

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Paul R. Spiers, 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, Paul R. Spiers of Sodus, New York, died on March 4, 2009, at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, He was a graduate of Cornell University, Class of 1941, and a member of the Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Paul R. Spiers served his country as a First Lieutenant with the United States Army; he was a B-17 pilot during World War II, assigned to the 384th Bomb Group, where he flew 32 combat sorties in the European Theater of Operations; and

WHEREAS, Paul R. Spiers distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, Paul R. Spiers retired after 21 years of distinguished service with Western New York Farm Credit Association; and

WHEREAS, Paul R. Spiers's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, He was active in the United Third Methodist Church of Sodus, the Geriatrics Pilot Association, Rotary International (Paul Harris Fellow), Sodus Lodge No. 392 F&AM, and the Stamp Club of Sodus; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, Arthur and Adelaide Shepard Spiers and his sister, Esther Brown, Paul R. Spiers is survived by his wife of 62 years, Barbara Wood Spiers; his four children, Susan (Thomas)

Lennon, Sally (John) Switzer, Betsy (John) Portela, and Ellen (Jim) Allen; his nine grandchildren, Chris, Matt (Tina) and Tim (Deb) Lennon, Doran (Tara) and Jason (Carrie) Nealon, Corey and Kate Golden, Tenley and Marshall Allen; his five step-grandchildren, Elizabeth and John K. Switzer, Matthew Allen and Melissa Allen Powell, Matt Portela; 11 great-grandchildren; and two sons-in-law, Perry Golden and Jon Jennerich; and WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Paul R. Spiers 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 Paul R. Spiers, 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 Paul R. Spiers.