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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Vincent M. Klein, 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, Vincent M. Klein of Auburn, New York, died on Sunday, May 16, 2010, at the age of 93; and

WHEREAS, Born in Auburn, New York, he was the son of the late Herman B. and Jennie Schwartz Klein; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Dewitt Clinton High School, Vincent M. Klein then served his country during World War II as a member of the United States Army Air Force; and

WHEREAS, Vincent M. Klein distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return from his service, Vincent M. Klein established a successful business in Auburn, New York; he served as president, secretary and director of Samuel Schwartz and Sons, Inc., as well as manager of Schwartz Associates; and

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

WHEREAS, A member of numerous clubs and organizations, Vincent M. Klein served for three decades on the Cayuga County Community College Board of Trustees after being appointed by Governor Hugh Carey in 1975; he was then named to two more terms by Governor Mario Cuomo in 1984 and 1994; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, he was a trustee of Cayuga County Savings Bank and Fort Hill Cemetery Association, member of Auburn Board of Directors, secretary of the Samuel and Bertha/Schwartz Foundation, Inc., campaign chairman of the 1973 United Fund, president of the YMCA from 1975-1976, member of the Owasco Planning Board, and a member of the board of directors of the Cayuga County Chapter of the Association for Retarded Children; and

WHEREAS, Vincent M. Klein was also an Auburn Memorial Hospital Board member, a member of the Congregation B'Nai Beth Israel, a past president and vice chairman of the board and treasurer of the Auburn Community Baseball Association, and was involved with the Booker T. Washington Center; he was also a member of the American Legion and the Elks Lodge; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his parents, Vincent M. Klein was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy, in October 2008; his brother, Joseph Klein; brother-in-laws, Gerald Sherman and William Lee; and a sister-in-law, Grace Lee; Vincent M. Klein is survived by his two daughters, Heather Klein and her fiancé, Jack Wrobel, and Beth Klein; his sister, Bernice Sherman; a sister-in-law, Suzanne Klein; and by several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Vincent M. Klein 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 Vincent M. Klein, 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 Vincent M. Klein.