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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Dr. Richard F. Daines, 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, Dr. Richard F. Daines of Stanfordville, New York, died on Saturday, February 26, 2011, at the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, The son of a physician, Dr. Richard F. Daines was raised in Utah, and earned a Bachelor of History degree from Utah State University in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard F. Daines served as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Bolivia from 1970 to 1972; he received his medical degree from Cornell University Medical College in 1978, and served a residency in internal medicine at New York Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard F. Daines distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Serving as a physician in New York City for over 25 years, Dr. Richard F. Daines worked at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx, where he began practicing in 1978; his skills and compassion, coupled with his ability to speak Spanish, made him a valued member of the staff and a favorite among his patients; he became the Hospital's Senior Vice President for Professional Affairs and Medical Director in 1994; and

WHEREAS, From 2002-2007, Dr. Richard F. Daines was Medical Director at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, where he served as both President and CEO; he often worked shifts in the emergency department there to observe firsthand the care patients received; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, Dr. Richard F. Daines became New York State's 14th Commissioner of Health; he served in this capacity until 2010; recently, he joined the New York Academy of Medicine as a Visiting Scholar; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Daines took great pride in the skills and

professionalism of his Health Department employees and public health workers at county health departments, traveling to all 62 counties of New York to promote local public health activities, often accompanied by his father, Newel; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard F. Daines's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, A former Scoutmaster and Eagle Scout, Dr. Richard F. Daines would often invite members of Troop 525 to his farm in Stanfordville; and

WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Dr. Richard F. Daines is survived by his wife of 36 years, Linda; three children, William, Katherine and Andrew; a grandson, Charles Richard; his parents, Dr. Newel and Jean Daines; and siblings, Pamela Johnson, George Daines, Janet Stowell and Peter Daines; as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Dr. Richard F. Daines 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 Dr. Richard F. Daines, 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 Dr. Richard F. Daines.