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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Claudio Hamilton, 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, Claudio "Claudie" Hamilton, died on Saturday, June 4, 2011, at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, Claudio Hamilton was born one of six children in Guantanamo, Cuba, on September 1, 1925; at an early age he left Cuba and was raised in Runaway Bay, Jamaica; and

WHEREAS, Claudio Hamilton spent much of his young adult life working on the United States Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, where he met Agnes Smith, who he married in Jamaica in December of 1965; and

WHEREAS, In the Spring of 1966, the Hamiltons migrated to New York where they settled and became hard working citizens of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Claudio Hamilton worked as a machine operator at Smith Loyal for over 25 years; the couple later welcomed two beautiful children Barbara and Christopher; and

WHEREAS, Claudio Hamilton was an active church member of St. Marks in Brooklyn and thereafter at Hope Cathedral in Jackson, New Jersey; he had an entrepreneurial passion that he passed on to his children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Claudio Hamilton had a contagious jovial spirit, and always had a great story to share about Cuba; he touched the lives of many people with his smile and generosity, and maintained his trademark sense of humor up until his death; and

WHEREAS, Claudio Hamilton left behind a tradition built on integrity, loyalty and love; his memory will be carried forward and his legacy will be cherished by all; and

WHEREAS, Claudio Hamilton distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of

his community; and

WHEREAS, Claudio Hamilton's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife, Agnes, Claudio Hamilton is survived by his children, Christopher and Barbara, son-in-law, Nigel, daughter-in-law, Yomi, and grandchildren Brandon, Gabriel, Kyan, Elicia, and Eliana, as well as his cousins, nephews, nieces and other family and friends throughout the United States, Cuba, and Jamaica; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Claudio Hamilton 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 Claudio Hamilton, 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 Claudio Hamilton.