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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Fred Hallett, Sr., 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, Fred Hallett, Sr. of Lodi, New York, died on Thursday, June 2, 2011, at the age of 74; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of South Seneca High School at the age of 16, Fred Hallett, Sr. took advantage of the opportunity to study at New York University School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance while working full time in the insurance industry; and

WHEREAS, After obtaining his business degree in Accounting, Class of 1957, Fred Hallett, Sr. served proudly in the United States Marine Corps and in the Lebanon Crisis of 1958; and

WHEREAS, Fred Hallett, Sr. distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Fred Hallett, Sr. became President of D.J. Colby Co., Inc.; under his leadership, the company grew into one of the premier insurance underwriting agencies in the nation; he loved the business and continued working until shortly before his passing; and

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

WHEREAS, In 1992, Fred Hallett, Sr. returned to his hometown of Lodi, New York; he was an active member of the community and was staunchly dedicated to maintaining, restoring and improving the town, where he served as Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Fred Hallett, Sr. was a strong supporter of the Lodi Volunteer Fire Company and long time advocate of education; he established scholarships for Lodi students looking to go to college, and with the assistance of Jay Dey, a scholarship was founded to support students

interested in careers in agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Fred Hallett, Sr. is survived by his wife of nearly 45 years, Joan; their five children and their spouses, Joan and John Meagle, Fred and Patricia Hallett, Todd and Liz Hallett, John and Mary Hallett, and Judd Hallett and Emily Hill; eight grandchildren, Colby, John, Kathryn, Freddie, Bridgett, Mack, Arden and Shelter; and a brother and sister-in-law Bill and Donna Hallett; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Fred Hallett, Sr. 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 Fred Hallett, Sr., 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 Fred Hallett, Sr.