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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Carl E. Schoenacker, 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, Carl Schoenacker of Waterloo, New York, died on Thursday, June 16, 2011, at the age of 92; and

WHEREAS, Carl Schoenacker distinguished himself by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

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

WHEREAS, Carl Schoenacker was born October 28, 1918, to the late Ernest and Nellie M. VanAuken Schoenacker; he was a 1936 graduate of Phelps Union and Classical School; and

WHEREAS, Graduating in 1940 with a bachelor's degree from the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell, Carl Schoenacker was also a life member of its Alumni Association; he served in the United States Army Air Corps from 1941 to 1945 and was a life member of the Waterloo Memorial Post No. 6433 V.F.W.; and

WHEREAS, In October of 1943, Carl Schoenacker was with the 322nd Fighter Control Squadron when it was assigned to China; while en route, their ship was struck by a German glider bomb and quickly sank into the Mediterranean Sea; he was one of 600 men on the British H.M.T. Rohna saved by the heroic efforts of a nearby minesweeper, the United States Pioneer; and

WHEREAS, On June 16, 2011, Carl Schoenacker and his wife, Ruth, along

with one of their sons were attending a reunion of survivors from the World War II sinking of the H.M.T. Rohna; it was during the trip that Carl passed; and

WHEREAS, Carl Schoenacker was employed for several years in the agricultural industry with Haxton's in Lyons and Baugh and Son Fertilizer in Newark; he taught in the Romulus Central School District from 1958 to 1979 and worked closely with basketball coach, Mr. Alvaro; and

WHEREAS, A member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Waterloo, Carl Schoenacker was also the clerk of session for many years; he was a member and former secretary of the Waterloo Library and Historical Society as well as a member and former trustee of the Phelps Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, Carl Schoenacker was a life member of both the Geneva Historical Society and the Library Association; he was also a charter member and former president of the Buffum Family Association; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his sister, Frances, Carl Schoenacker is survived by his wife, Ruth; three sons, Irving, Frank, and Terry; five grandchildren, Kevin, Steven, Adam, Ian, and Terry; and nephew, Charles; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Carl Schoenacker 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 Carl E. Schoenacker, 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 Carl E. Schoenacker.