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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of The Honorable Israel Margolis, 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, The Honorable Israel Margolis of Binghamton, New York, died on Saturday, December 10, 2011, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known as Ike, Judge Israel Margolis was born June 23, 1925 in Binghamton; he attended Binghamton public schools and graduated from Binghamton Central High School in 1942; and

WHEREAS, Judge Israel Margolis received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Cornell University in 1947 and a Juris Doctor degree from Cornell Law School in 1950; he was managing editor of the Cornell Law Quarterly and a member of Order of the Coif; and

WHEREAS, From 1944-1946, Judge Israel Margolis honorably served his country as a member of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Judge Israel Margolis was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1950, and later was admitted to practice in the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, Judge Israel Margolis distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, He was a Bigelow Teaching Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School and taught practice training at Cornell Law School; and

WHEREAS, In 1951 and 1952, Judge Israel Margolis served as Assistant Counsel to the Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections of the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, Judge Israel Margolis joined the Binghamton law firm of Chernin & Gold in which he was a partner from 1956-1987; he also served as a Broome County Election Commissioner from 1974-1984; and

WHEREAS, In 1987, Judge Israel Margolis was nominated to the New York State Court of Claims by Governor Mario Cuomo; he served as a distinguished Justice for the Court of Claims until his retirement; and

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

WHEREAS, A past President of the Broome County Bar Association, Judge Israel Margolis also served as President of the Professional and Advanced Gifts Divisions of the Broome County United Way campaigns and a trustee of Temple Israel; and

WHEREAS, Judge Israel Margolis is survived by his devoted wife, Brenda, his beloved children; Janet (Jonathan), Michael (Maureen), Deborah (Anne), five loving granddaughters, a sister, Helen Smelser Daube, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, niece and cousins; he was predeceased by his parents Rabbi Moses and Belle Margolis and brother, Harry; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Judge Israel Margolis 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 The Honorable Israel Margolis, 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 The Honorable Israel Margolis.