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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Ronald B. Ely, former Sheriff of Wyoming County, and 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, Ronald B. Ely, former Sheriff of Wyoming County, New York, died on Friday, February 3, 2012, at the age of 65; and

WHEREAS, Born on July 17, 1946, in Warsaw, New York, the son of the late Leon H. and Charlotte Sugg Ely, Ronald B. Ely was a 1964 graduate of Arcade Central School; and

WHEREAS, Ronald B. Ely served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was a 1977 graduate of the FBI Academy; and

WHEREAS, The Sheriff of Wyoming County, New York, from 2000 to 2004, Ronald B. Ely also served for 27 years as its undersheriff, and held the distinction of being the longest running undersheriff in New York State history; prior to his service in the Sheriff's Department, he served in the Arcade Police Department; and

WHEREAS, On the Board of Directors for SaSI, Ronald B. Ely worked on the Canter for Cancer Walk-A-Thon, and served on the United Way Board; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Ronald B. Ely was a member of the Wyoming County Office for the Aging Board, and was a member of the Warsaw VFW and St. Mary's Church in East Arcade, New York; and

WHEREAS, Known as the face of Wyoming County, Ronald B. Ely's entire life was dedicated to the Sheriff's Office and to the people of Wyoming County; and

WHEREAS, Ronald B. Ely was predeceased by his parents, Leon H. and Charlotte Sugg Ely; a sister, Eleanor (Vincent) Barkewitz; and a brother, Philip A. (Dorothy) Ely; and

WHEREAS, Survived by his wife, Lucille H. (nee Mazierski) Ely; Ronald B. Ely is also survived by his four sons, Bruce Ely of Sardinia, Chris-

topher (Crystal) Ely of Florida, Shawn Ely of Arcade, and Jason Ely of Arcade; and by four grandchildren, Jason, Tyler, Angela, and Emily Grace; he is also survived by a brother, Hugh (Janet) Ely of Arcade, and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Ronald B. Ely 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; he will be remembered as someone who made a positive difference in the lives of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Ronald B. Ely, former Sheriff of Wyoming County, and 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 Ronald B. Ely.