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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Michael Battaglini of Binghamton, New York

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to mourn publicly the death of cherished citizens of the State of New York whose life and endeavors testify to their commitment to, and love of, their family and their community; and

WHEREAS, It is with deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Michael Battaglini of Binghamton, New York, at age 85, noting the loss of a citizen whose purposeful life and endeavors contributed so much to the quality of life of his family and his community; and

WHEREAS, Born September 3, 1926 in Glasco, New York, Michael "Mike" Battaglini was the youngest of eight children born to his immigrant parents, Dominic and Michalena Battaglini; he was predeceased by sisters Elizabeth Cafaldo, Fannie Battaglini, Antoinette Provenzano, and Angie Aiello; and his brother John Battaglini; and

WHEREAS, Michael Battaglini is survived by his wife of 50 years, Kathryn Cavanaugh Battaglini; his children, John Battaglini, Beth Battaglini and her husband Joseph Cahill, Kathleen Battaglini and her husband Sam Salamida, Kristine Battaglini and her husband Len Basso, Paul Battaglini and his wife Tammy, and Kara Battaglini and her husband Bill Mohan; his sister Marietta Carter; his brother-in-law Robert Cavanaugh and his wife Karen; his sisters-in-law Mary Lou Powers and Elizabeth Rapasadi and her husband Sam; his nieces and nephews Kristi and Joseph Powers, Robert Rapasadi, Kathleen Mancini, Robert and Kathryn Cavanaugh; and his grandchildren, Anthony and Kate Salamida and John and Tara Battaglini; and

WHEREAS, Michael Battaglini began his career as a Clerk in the Finance Office of the New York State Department of Labor; he later joined the

Bureau of Public Works as an Investigator and was subsequently transferred to Binghamton; and

WHEREAS, He was named Assistant Commissioner of Labor by Governor Nelson Rockefeller and went on to serve with distinction under Governors Malcolm Wilson, Hugh Carey, Mario Cuomo and George Pataki for 46 years until his retirement in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Battaglino was a member of The Greatest Generation and served his country in World War II, seeing combat duty in Germany with the Tenth Armored Division; his unit was a component of General George S. Patton's 3rd Army which liberated the Dachau Concentration Camp; and

WHEREAS, At the conclusion of hostilities, he was transferred to the 9th Infantry Division as a member of the Occupation Force and received an Honorable Discharge; Michael Battaglino considered it the ultimate privilege to have served his country and always held fellow members of the military service very close to his heart; and

WHEREAS, Michael Battaglino, a member of St. Patrick's Church in Binghamton, loved his community and endeavored to serve and better it throughout his life; he was a member of the Arena Board for three years and ably served as Board Chairman for a year and, thanks to his love of the game of hockey and recognizing its importance in the local community, he helped establish the Hockey Foundation and the Hockey Scholarship Fund; and

WHEREAS, As a father, Michael Battaglino was constantly involved in his children's activities, including Little League, Babe Ruth Baseball, and CYO Soccer coaching duties; he was never too busy to attend all six of his children's events and supported them in all of their undertakings; and

WHEREAS, Michael Battaglino's greatest passion outside of his family was the sport of baseball; upon moving to Binghamton he became involved with the Triplets Baseball Team and proudly became its voice as Public

Address Announcer; and

WHEREAS, Michael Battaglino treasured the camaraderie of his closest friends with whom he played pinochle for 55 years; he was also a ringer among the Bocce boys and enjoyed his excursions to the Catskill resorts for golfing and shows; and

WHEREAS, Michael Battaglino's generosity and compassion toward his family and the people around him were well-known and were among his greatest qualities, endearing him to his family, his friends, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Michael Battaglino took the greatest joy in life's simple pleasures, especially the gathering of family and friends to exchange stories, both old and new; his warm, charming personality and deeply sincere nature were transmitted to all he met; he was known as someone who would do anything for anyone and equally importantly, he was known as well as someone who knew how to get things done; and

WHEREAS, He and his family greatly appreciated all those at Hilltop, Fairview, Lourdes and Wilson Hospitals and all his friends at SEFCU who helped take such good care of him over the past several years and will always be grateful to them for their friendship, affection and efforts on his behalf; and

WHEREAS, Over his meritorious life, Michael Battaglino distinguished himself as a man of sincere dedication and substantial contribution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to the memory of Michael Battaglino, to celebrate his life, and to recognize and applaud his many accomplishments; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Michael Battaglino.