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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of William A. Delmont, consummate journalist and true public servant

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to publicly mourn the passing of prominent citizens of the State of New York whose purposeful careers and worthy endeavors have contributed to the quality and character of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, William Delmont, a powerhouse in Erie County politics, trustee of Erie Community College, founder of the Front Page newspapers and senior executive assistant to the former Erie County Executive, died on Saturday, April 28, 2012, at the age of 81; and

WHEREAS, A native and lifelong resident of Lackawanna, Mr. Delmont was a graduate of Lackawanna High School, attended Canisius College and was a member of the United States Navy and served during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, William Delmont served as county chairman of the Conservative Party from 1991 to 1994; he was senior executive assistant to Erie County Executive Dennis Gorski from 1995 to 1999, working as liaison with the county's 29 cities and towns to promote efficiency and fix problems among the municipalities; and

WHEREAS, A key adviser to the mayor of Buffalo in 2005 and member of the Erie County Conservative Party's executive board, William Delmont founded the Front Page Group Inc. in 1959, publishing and editing weekly newspapers serving South Buffalo, Lackawanna, West Seneca, Blasdell and Hamburg; he managed all aspects of the newspapers, which became the official newspapers for publication of legal notices of Erie County, Lackawanna, the Town of Hamburg and Blasdell; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Delmont sold the Front Page in 2010, but retained his status as publisher and editor until the time of his death; a trustee of Erie Community College, he served on the board of directors of Our Lady

of Victory Hospital in Lackawanna from 1982 to 1998 and was a state civil service commissioner from 1972 to 1991; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Delmont was a commissioner of the Lackawanna Municipal Housing Authority from 1958 to 1970, serving as its chairman for six years; he also was Lackawanna's director of civil defense and head of disaster preparedness from 1964-1965; and

WHEREAS, William Delmont was a 45-year member of Matthew Glab Post 1477, American Legion, and was a fourth-degree member of the Knights of Columbus; he also was the recipient of numerous awards, including the Lackawanna Front Page Man of the Year Award for 2011 and the Lackawanna Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award for 2006; and

WHEREAS, Among organizations honoring William Delmont for community service are the following: Lake Erie Club, Lackawanna Area Historical Association, Our Lady of Victory Hospital, South Park High School, Matthew Glab Post 1477, Bishop Timon High School Alumni, American Legion of New York, American Lung Association of Western New York, Limestone Club, Western New York Association of Youth Bureaus, Buffalo Chamber of Commerce, South Buffalo Amateur Hockey Association, Shooter Committee on Political Education (SCOPE), Kidney Foundation of Western New York, Col. John B. Weber Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 898 and the National Police Officers Association of America; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife, Mary Ann, William Delmont is survived by his six children, Kathy, Kim, Noreen, Lynne, Mary and Philip; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, William Delmont 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 William A. Delmont, consummate journalist and true public servant; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of William A. Delmont.