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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Thomas E. Harding, 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, Thomas E. Harding of Binghamton, New York, died on Sunday, April 22, 2012, at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS, A 1950 graduate of St. Paul's High School, Thomas E. Harding was a proud member of the United States Navy from 1951-1955 and actively served on the USS Ingraham, DD694 during the Korean Conflict; and

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Harding distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Harding worked at IBM Endicott, New York, for 34 years as a computer software engineer; and

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

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Harding and his wife June were active members of the Church of Saints John and Andrew in Binghamton, New York; and

WHEREAS, He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Perpetual Adoration group of St. Patrick's Church; and

WHEREAS, Thomas E. Harding was a loving and dedicated husband, father, grandfather, brother, son, uncle, and friend to many; he placed his faith in God and dedication to his family above all else; and

WHEREAS, Known for his abilities to repair and maintain many things,

Thomas E. Harding would often stop what he was doing to help others in need of his talents; and

WHEREAS, He enjoyed hockey in the local Binghamton area throughout the 70s and 80s and was a dedicated New York Ranger fan, continuing to watch the NHL until his death; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his loving wife of 53 years, June Buchta Harding, grandparents, Marie and John; parents, Ezra and Ann Harding; and grandson, Matthew McManus, Thomas E. Harding is survived by his children, Diane and Dave Cobb, JoAnne and Dan McManus, Thomas and Susanne Harding, Michael and Ann Harding, Dan and Becky Harding; his grandchildren, Steven and Jennifer Cobb, Jennifer Cobb, Danny and Tori McManus, Shannon McManus, Emily Harding, Sean Harding, Natalie Harding, Amelia Harding, Grace Harding, Lily Harding, Ava Harding; two great-grandchildren, Brianna and Isabella Cobb; brother and sister-in-law, Dr. John and Marie Harding and family; sister and brother-in-law, Joan and George Hays and family; sister-in-law, Diane Derr and family; and the Keenan families; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Thomas E. Harding 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 Thomas E. Harding, 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 Thomas E. Harding.