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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Donald McKinley Allen, 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, Donald McKinley Allen of Binghamton, New York, died on Sunday, October 7, 2012 at the age of 67; and

WHEREAS, Donald McKinley Allen was a graduate of Stuyvesant High School and Brooklyn College; and

WHEREAS, Donald McKinley Allen distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, After his retirement, Donald McKinley Allen's new commitment became his involvement with Binghamton University's radio station WHRW, where he was able to express his love for music and his opinions on politics; and

WHEREAS, Donald McKinley Allen's dedication to the station and its staff knew no bounds; and

WHEREAS, Donald McKinley Allen's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being a devoted father and husband, Donald McKinley Allen was a man of many talents and interests, including a house designer/builder, craft-show promoter/maestro, set designer, jeweler, cook/baker, photographer and sailor/navigator; and

WHEREAS, Donald McKinley Allen was also a recreational inventor, writer and poet, philosopher, musicologist, film and art aficionado, teacher of everything and lover of history; and

WHEREAS, He was intellectually curious, a storyteller, a political commentator, a leader and a fixer of everything; he loved travel and adventure, and was very committed to the study of Judaism, as well as the practice of meditation; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, Hank and Edna Appleman and his brother, William Appleman, Donald McKinley Allen is survived by his wife, Heidi Kaufmann; daughter, Rachel Allen; in-laws, Leslie and Don, Jeff and Linda, Gary and Connie, Greg and Nancy, Hilary, Craig; special nieces and nephews, Dana and Spencer, Erin and Mark, Crystal and Shana, Wiley and Sydney, Ryan, Avalon, Bella, and Marcus; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Donald McKinley Allen 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 Donald McKinley Allen, 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 Donald McKinley Allen.