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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Arthur W. Ospelt, 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 endeavors served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Ospelt died on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Ospelt was born in Syracuse, New York, residing for most of his life in Pennellville, Oswego County; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Ospelt, a graduate of Canton A & T University, served his country as a member of the United States Army from 1956-1957; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Ospelt served as Town Supervisor for the Town of Schroepfel from 1970 to 1990, and Superintendent of Highways and Oswego County Director of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Arthur Ospelt was appointed Oswego County Administrator until his retirement in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Thereafter, Arthur Ospelt was elected to the county legislature in 2000, where he served the 12th District until his death, and where he also served as vice chairman; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Ospelt was a lifelong communicant of St. Stephen's Church in Phoenix, New York, and a member of both the New York State and North Country Draft Horse Clubs, the Percheron Association, and the Arion Singing Society; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Ospelt is remembered as a strong visionary leader who took great pride in the people and resources of Oswego; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Ospelt distinguished himself by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Ospelt is survived by his wife of 56 years, the former Marianne Noldan; his two sons, Arthur and Kurt; and one sister Rosemary Hess; as well as four grandchildren and two great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Ospelt 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 Arthur W. Ospelt, 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 Arthur W. Ospelt.