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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Francis J. Cellery, 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, Francis "Frank" Jerome Cellery of Nassau, New York, died on Monday, June 10, 2013, at the age of 70, just one week short of his 71st Birthday; and

WHEREAS, The son of the late Anthony and Agnes (Van Order) Cellery, Francis J. Cellery was born on June 18, 1942; he lived his entire life in Nassau and was extremely proud of his community; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, after 30 years of dedicated service, Francis J. Cellery retired from the United States Postal Service; he also worked for Nassau Country Value for several years; and

WHEREAS, Francis J. Cellery distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; 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, With a strong belief in the community, Francis J. Cellery was a member of the Nassau Hose Company for more than 50 years and served as chief, deputy chief and assistant chief, as well as other positions over the years; at the time of his death, he was serving as a fire commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Francis J. Cellery was also a member of the Nassau Ambulance since the young age of 16; he served as an EMT, was instrumental in the development and design of the new ambulance station and served as the first president after its separation from the fire department; he was currently a member of its board of directors; and

WHEREAS, A social member of the North Chatham Fire Company, Francis J.

Cellery also served as a member of the Rensselaer County Radio Committee, Fire & EMS Committee and the R.E.S.T. (bereavement) Team; and WHEREAS, This remarkable man was a parishioner of St. Mary's Church in Nassau, a member of the Nassau Sportsman Club, and a former member of the Holy Name Society; he was also a member of both the planning board for the village of Nassau, and the Nassau Republican Club, presently serving as Republican committeeman; and

WHEREAS, In the past, Francis J. Cellery served as a Boy Scout leader, a neighborhood chairman, and was on the bicentennial committee for the Town of Nassau; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his son, Timothy Francis Cellery, and his sister, Rosemary Ertel, Francis J. Cellery is survived by his wife of 49 years, Maureen (Fitzgibbons) Cellery; three children, Colleen (Kenneth) Kirsch, Sean Cellery, and Brendan Cellery (Jillena Strevell, fiancée); granddaughters, Aubrey Katherine Kirsch, Hunter Catherine Cellery, and soon to be step-granddaughter, Shyann Helene Goldup; sister-in-law, Patricia (Robert G.) Yager; nephew, Robert T. (Faith) Yager; goddaughter and niece, Heather (Jason) Brennan; two great-nephews, Robert Timothy Yager Jr. and Stone Parker Brennan; and one great-niece, Peyton Marian Yager; as well as his aunt and uncle, Toni and LeRoy Van Order; and several cousins; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Francis J. Cellery 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 Francis J. Cellery, 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 Francis J. Cellery.