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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the memory of the deceased members of the New York State Legislature, in recognition of their distinguished lives and careers in public service

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in this great Empire State is indelibly enriched by the faithful and caring efforts of those outstanding individuals who would devote their lives to public service; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body, representing the people of the State of New York, is moved this day to pay just tribute to the distinguished lives and careers of the deceased members of the New York State Legislature, and to honor the memory of these prominent citizens whose purposeful careers and worthy endeavors contributed to the quality and character of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Deceased members of the New York State Legislature include: Samuel Bea, Jr., Justice John T. Buckley, Morton Hillman, Vincent A. Marchiselli, Richard C. Ross, and Murray Weinstein; and

WHEREAS, Born in Harlem in 1932, Samuel Bea, Jr. ably served as a New York State Assemblyman representing the 83rd AD from 1996 through 2000; this two-term lawmaker was best known as District Manager of Community Board 12 for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Well-known as a people person with an engaging leadership style, Samuel Bea, Jr. was most proud of his work as a community advocate, serving the communities of Olinville, Wakefield, and Bronx Park East, prior to being elected to the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Bea, Jr. was the loving husband of Victoria Bea; predeceased by his son, Stephen, he was the proud father of a daughter, Kim Bea-Anderson; he died on August 21, 2013, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, Born on February 8, 1936, in Utica, New York, The Honorable

John T. Buckley served with distinction as a New York State Assemblyman representing the 116th AD, Oneida County, from 1967 through 1972; and WHEREAS, Upon his election in 1979 as Judge of Oneida County Court, Justice John T. Buckley began his distinguished judicial career; he served on that bench until 1994, when he was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court, 5th Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, John T. Buckley is survived by his wife, Blanche Casey Buckley; daughter and son-in-law, Loretta Buckley (E.J.) Malakie; son, John (Jack) T.C. Buckley; and grandchildren, Lucy Buckley-Vickers and Declan Buckley Malakie, as well as one sister, Margaret Buckley; he died on September 24, 2013, at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, Born in 1926, Morton Hillman was a musician who played cornet and trumpet; he served in the USO during World War II and later became a member of the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, In the early 1960s, Morton Hillman settled in the Beechhurst/Whitestone section of Queens; a community leader, he represented the 26th AD from 1987-1992; and

WHEREAS, Morton Hillman is survived by his wife, Ruth, his two children, Lois and William, and his grandchildren, Oren, Eitan, and Sharon, as well as his great-granddaughter, Madeline; he died on February 3, 2014, at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, Vincent A. Marchiselli was born on August 18, 1928, in the Bronx; a resident of the Woodlawn section, he represented the 86th AD; serving from 1975 through 1984, he campaigned for subway safety and against illegal dumping of toxic waste; and

WHEREAS, As an Assemblyman, Vincent A. Marchiselli opened a storefront in the Bronx where he helped hundreds of constituents receive food

stamps, form tenant groups, fill out forms, and campaign for better city services; and

WHEREAS, Vincent A. Marchiselli was the loving husband of Eunice Marchiselli; he died on November 29, 2013, at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, Born in the Bronx, on May 5, 1927, Richard C. Ross represented the 88th AD from 1973 through 1982; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his service to the New York State Assembly, Richard C. Ross was elected as a Mount Vernon City Councilman, becoming President of the Council in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife, Jean Flug Ross, Richard C. Ross is survived by his three children, Marcia, William and Andrew Ross, son-in-law, Duncan, two daughters-in-law, Diane and Summer, and three grandchildren, John, Michael and Alice; he died on March 11, 2014, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, Murray Weinstein was elected to the New York State Assembly to represent Brooklyn's 41st District, serving one term from 1979-1980; and

WHEREAS, Murray Weinstein used his community background to effectively serve his district; he served on the codes, aging, consumer affairs, energy and mental health committees; following his time in the legislature, Murray Weinstein went on to continue his successful law practice and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Prior to serving the New York State Assembly, Murray Weinstein was extremely involved in numerous community organizations, including founding and serving as President of the local synagogue, and serving as a member of the local civic association, as well as a former local community board member and a former elected school board member in Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, Every citizen in New York State has most certainly benefited, in one way or another, from the deep dedication, intelligence and passion these six members of the New York State Legislature brought to their work as legislators and public policy-makers; and

WHEREAS, Their legacies will long serve as models of integrity and devotion to public service; it is with hope that future generations understand and appreciate the benevolence of these individuals, the merit of their causes, and the quality of their service to the citizens

of New York State, that we celebrate their noteworthy services; now,
therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to
honor the memory of the 2013-2014 deceased members of the New York State
Legislature, in recognition of their distinguished lives and careers in

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public service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the families of the aforementioned Assembly members.