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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Francis E. Hurd, 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 E. "Fran" Hurd of Indian Hills in Waterloo, New York, died on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, A longtime resident of Lodi, Fran Hurd was born in Borden, New York, on February 2, 1924, a son of the late Walter B. and Cora (Williams) Hurd; his family later moved to Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, where he received his education; and

WHEREAS, Fran Hurd received his draft letter in 1943, at the age of 17, and the day after his 18th birthday, he entered active duty in the United States Army; as a Corporal Technician in the motor pool of the 291st Combat Engineers during WWII, he was instrumental in the invasion of Utah Beach; he was discharged in 1945 with five Bronze Stars; and

WHEREAS, Fran Hurd recently contributed to a documentary on the American Heroes Channel, Against the Odds-Those Damned Engineers; during his years overseas, he corresponded with a young girl in Lodi, Olive Baker; upon his return in 1945, they began dating and were married four months later; and

WHEREAS, Fran Hurd distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, For more than 30 years, Fran Hurd worked as a driver for Close Oil Company in Lodi; he was instrumental in local politics, and served as the Lodi Town Supervisor from 1972-1990; he continued working

at the county highway department and then at the Seneca County office building; and

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

WHEREAS, Recently, Fran Hurd was honored by the Seneca County Board of Supervisors for his years of dedicated service to Seneca County; and

WHEREAS, Fran Hurd was a Life Member of the Lodi Fire Department, South Seneca Sportsmen's Club and the Ovid VFW Post No. 6200; he enjoyed many camping trips with his family, hunting and fishing; he will be fondly remembered for his devotion to his wife and family, his warm smile and friendly handshake; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his loving wife of 61 years, Olive, a brother, William Hurd and sisters, Beatrice Kohler and Marjorie Colgrove, Francis E. Hurd is survived by a son, Charles (Linda) Hurd; a daughter, Connie (Paul) Polce; grandchildren, Andrew (Kelly) Hurd, Matthew Hurd, Paula (Adam) Chard and Sally (Brian Procopio) Polce; and great grandchildren, Mackenzie, Mercedes, Miranda and Mattia Hurd, Mason and Jackson Chard, and his companion Sharon Vreeland, as well as many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Francis E. Hurd 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 E. Hurd, 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 E. Hurd.