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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Bernice Mae Nickerson, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her 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, Bernice Mae Nickerson of Binghamton, New York died on Friday, October 10, 2014 at the age of 92; and

WHEREAS, A 1940 graduate of Binghamton Central High School, Bernice Mae Nickerson was employed by IBM in Endicott and San Jose, California; she was a member of the Monday Afternoon Club and active in many organizations; and

WHEREAS, Bernice Mae Nickerson distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, An avid golfer well into her 80s, Bernice Mae Nickerson was a great fan of the New York Yankees; she kept a sharp mind and quick wit over the years with daily puzzles, nightly Jeopardy and weekly bridge; her family and friends were truly her greatest joy; and

WHEREAS, Bernice Mae Nickerson's commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by her parents, Herbert and Nellie (Vosburgh) Stevens, and four sisters, Mabel, Dorothy, Marion and Barbara, Bernice Mae Nickerson is survived by her husband of 70 years, Curtis; three children, Curtis (Jodie), Alan (Nancy) and Nancy; six grandchildren, Gladys, Andrew, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Steven and Meredith; two great-grandchildren, August and Braxton; as well as many nieces and nephews;

and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Bernice Mae Nickerson leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Bernice Mae Nickerson, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Bernice Mae Nickerson.