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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Lawrence Perras, 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, Lawrence Perras of New Haven, New York, died on Thursday, September 11, 2014, at the age of 60; and

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

WHEREAS, Lawrence "Larry" Perras was born in Watertown, New York, on April 21, 1954; he attended Jefferson County Community College, and served his country as a member of the United States Army from 1975-1980; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Perras later graduated from the University of Central Florida, and owned and operated a financial accounting business; in 1992 he relocated to Oswego, New York, and for more than 15 years he worked as a senior business advisor for the Small Business Development Center at the State University of New York at Oswego, where he earned recognition for his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the center; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Perras will long be remembered for his dedication and hard work on behalf of Oswego County business owners; and

WHEREAS, Lawrence Perras is survived by his loving wife, Teresa, and two sons, Lawrence Perras II, and Christopher Perras, as well as his mother, four siblings and three grandchildren; he was predeceased by his son John, and daughter Elizabeth; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Lawrence Perras 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 Lawrence Perras, 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 Lawrence Perras.