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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Clifford M. Barber, retired Lieutenant Colonel, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this Nation, and the great State of New York, is reflective of the purposeful lives and good works of those patriotic and civic-minded community members who dedicate their lives and careers to the service of others; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to publicly mourn the death of those prominent citizens whose lifework and purposeful endeavors have served to enrich and enhance the quality and character of life for others in their community and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Retired Lieutenant Colonel Clifford M. Barber of Walden, New York died on Sunday, January 11, 2015 at the age of 97; and

WHEREAS, Clifford M. Barber was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, to the late Clifford Miner and Ruth Ferris Barber; and

WHEREAS, In 1940, Clifford M. Barber graduated from Rutgers University before attending Cornell Law School; he was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1948, and in 1960, to the Federal Bar, Southern District of New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious law career which spanned five decades, Clifford M. Barber, Esq. successfully served his community of Montgomery, New York; and

WHEREAS, Clifford M. Barber proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army, commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant, Infantry in 1940; he volunteered for Active Duty in 1941, and was released on February 23, 1946; this esteemed soldier remained in Inactive Reserve until 1967, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel; and

WHEREAS, Clifford M. Barber distinguished himself in his profession

and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Clifford M. Barber's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, An active member of his community, Clifford M. Barber served from 1941-1950 as Village of Walden Trustee; in 1955, he was elected Town Justice of the Town of Montgomery, New York, and was re-elected for four terms; and

WHEREAS, Clifford M. Barber was a former President of Orange Hose No. 1, and a former Trustee at the Josephine Public Library; he was also a former Chairman of the Red Cross Blood Drive, President of the Walden Rotary International, and Director of Highland National Bank, Newburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, Clifford M. Barber is most recognized for receiving the last Presidential appointment to serve as Superintendent of the United States Assay Office in New York City; for nine years, he was responsible for moving the gold bullion from the United States Assay Office in New York City to West Point, New York, creating the Mint; in 1984, he cast the first Olympic Gold Coin; and

WHEREAS, After leaving West Point, Clifford M. Barber accepted an appointment to work on the Industrial Board of Appeals in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Clifford M. Barber's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his first wife, Lucie Barber Peatling, his second wife, Lelia Goff Barber, and his sister, Emily Jean, Clifford M.

Barber is survived by his loving wife, Jane Mount Barber; four sons, Thomas (Marcia), William (Lisa), Clifford (Emily), and James (Wanda); five daughters, Marny (Mike), Jean (Ed), Anne (Paul), Cathy (Paul), and

Carole (John); two step-sons, Carl and Scott; and was the loving grandfather of 16 grandchildren, Edward, Jennifer, Lyn, John, Kaitlyn, Joanna, Corey, Mattie, William, Robert, Ian, Trevor, Lucas, Devin, Scott, and Steven; as well as five great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, retired Lieutenant Colonel Clifford M. Barber 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 Clifford M. Barber, retired Lieutenant Colonel, 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 Clifford M. Barber.