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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION paying tribute to the life, accomplishments and music of renowned rhythm and blues singer Lance Diamond

WHEREAS, It is with regret and sorrow that this Legislative Body records the passing of Buffalo, New York music legend, Lance Diamond, noting the loss of an individual whose hard work and dedication helped to bridge the massive chasm between lounge music, old school rhythm and blues, Vegas-style soul and gritty punk-pop; and

WHEREAS, Lance Diamond of Buffalo, New York, died on Sunday, January 4, 2015, at the age of 81; a musical tribute celebrating his life was held on Friday, January 9, 2015; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Lance Diamond began his illustrious career performing with the Pneu Breed band; for many years he toured the United States and Japan with Isaac and the Lance Diamond Show, opening for such stars as James Brown and The Righteous Brothers; and

WHEREAS, Nicknamed The Hardest Working Man in Buffalo Show Business, Lance Diamond was inducted into the prestigious Buffalo Music Hall of Fame in 1992; he was also the recipient of many local music awards; and

WHEREAS, In a career which spanned more than four decades, Lance Diamond and his 24 Karat Diamond Band appeared at every major local festival and public event; his dynamic personality, his deep croon and his dance rhythms always entertained his adoring audience; and

WHEREAS, Among Lance Diamond's many fans were the Goo Goo Dolls, who included him on their recordings and performed live with him on many occasions; in recent years, he also hosted a Saturday night radio show; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Lance Diamond was an impassioned advocate for Music is Art, an organization dedicated to exploring and reshaping music's cultural, social, and educational impact on our communities; and

WHEREAS, Fellow musicians recall Lance Diamond's heartfelt motto: Give the same for a crowd of three people as you would for 30,000, and give it appreciatively; he 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 pay tribute to the life, accomplishments and music of renowned rhythm and blues singer Lance Diamond; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Lance Diamond.