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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of John E. Cheevers, 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, John E. "Jack" Cheevers of Endicott, New York, died on Monday, March 30, 2015, at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS, A native of Endicott, John E. Cheevers was born to the late Edward C. and Monica D. Cheevers on October 4, 1935; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Union-Endicott High School in 1953, John E. Cheevers proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy for three years; after his discharge, he earned a bachelor's degree from Clarkson University, Potsdam, New York, where he held the title of President of his fraternity Alpha Chi Rho; and

WHEREAS, John E. Cheevers distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, For seven years John E. Cheevers was employed as a Broker for the First Albany Corporation; in 1974, he founded the investment firm Cheevers, Hand and Angeline; at the time of his death, he was still serving as its Chief Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, John E. Cheevers' commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Known for making his constituents a priority, John E. Cheevers served five terms, 1976-2004, as the Town of Union Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Active in his community, John E. Cheevers was a former member of several organizations including the Endwell Fire Department, Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis, Elks Club, and American Legion; most recently, he was a vital participant in the Veterans for Peace Organization, and proudly sponsored the Boys and Girls Club of Endicott; and

WHEREAS, An ardent advocate for the arts, John E. Cheevers supported

the local performing arts in the Southern Tier; he served as a board member of the Cider Mill Playhouse in Endicott, and was often seen at the Forum, The Anderson Center and the Chenango Playhouse; and WHEREAS, John E. Cheevers was also an avid sports fan of both collegiate and professional teams; he was a season ticket holder for both Syracuse University sports and Binghamton Senators Hockey, and he traveled extensively for many major sporting events; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his parents, John E. Cheevers was predeceased by his wife, Nadeen (Evans) Cheevers; he is survived by his three children, John E. Cheevers, Jr., Susanne M. Cheevers, and Elizabeth (Ty) Cheevers-Youngs; two grandchildren, Sydney and Taylor Youngs; his fiancée, Dianne Lindeborn; three step-children, Doug (Sharon) Evans, Craig Evans (Dwight Myers), and Jan Evans; and two sisters, Mary Faith Hunsinger and Cathy (Tom) Ondreyko; as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, John E. Cheevers 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 John E. Cheevers, 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 John E. Cheevers.