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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Merl G. Hutto, retired 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, Merl G. Hutto, a resident of Cornwall-on-Hudson, New York, died on Monday, March 30, 2015, at the age of 91; and

WHEREAS, Merl G. Hutto was born on August 18, 1923, in Windfall, Indiana, to the late Ray and Iva Hutto; and

WHEREAS, After attending Indiana University for several years, Merl G. Hutto earned his bachelor's degree from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, in 1946; he then went on to obtain his Master's degree of Science in Business Administration from George Washington University, Washington, D.C., in 1967; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Merl G. Hutto completed courses of instruction at the Air Tactical School in 1947, Command and Staff College in 1962, and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Merl G. Hutto proudly served his country as a Pilot in both the United States Army and United States Air Force; he served at many military bases in the United States, including Kirkland Air Force Base, New Mexico; Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio; and the Pentagon, Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Merl G. Hutto's overseas duties included assignments with the

Air Attache to the United States Embassy in Santiago, Chile; Royal Air Force Base Wethersfield, United Kingdom; and Royal Air Force Base Upper Heyford, United Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious military career, Colonel Merl G. Hutto was the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including the Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf cluster), the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Joint Services Commendation Medal and the Pilot of War Wings medal, awarded by the Chilean government; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, Colonel Merl G. Hutto retired from the military after more than three decades of active duty; he then held the position of Director of Engineering at Mastercraft, Industries, Inc., in Newburgh, New York, until he officially retired at the age of 83 in 2006; and

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

WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Milada, Merl G. Hutto was predeceased by a son, Troy L.; he is survived by one son, Todd (Vaness); one daughter, Tiffin L. (Louis); and seven grandchildren, Andrew, Morgan, Christopher, Robert, Adam, Aubrie, and Darcie; as well as four great-grandchildren, Ella, Keeton, Rylan Troy, and Lilliana; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Merl G. Hutto 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 Merl G. Hutto, retired 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 Merl G. Hutto.