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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of former Mayor Edward Zugibe, renowned public servant, 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, Edward Zugibe, the former Mayor of West Haverstraw, New York, died on March 29, 2015, at the age of 92; and

WHEREAS, Born on March 28, 1923, in Garnerville, New York, Edward Zugibe was the son of Lebanese immigrants, Benjamin and Anna Zugibe; and

WHEREAS, Edward Zugibe attended local Haverstraw schools and worked in the Capital Dye Factory before proudly serving his country as a member of the United States Army in the Pacific Theater during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Following the completion of his military service, Edward Zugibe returned to his hometown and married his best friend and love of his life, Mary Zorn, in June of 1948; and

WHEREAS, Edward Zugibe ventured into several businesses with his brother, Paul, before opening up Zugibe and Son Hardware alongside his wife, Mary, and then his son Edward Jr.; and

WHEREAS, While conducting business at his hardware store, Edward Zugibe was approached by people inquiring about garbage pickup and road repair; at this time, he entered politics with a goal of addressing the concerns of community residents; and

WHEREAS, Passionately committed to civic engagement and the uplifting of his community, Edward Zugibe served as a Trustee for the Village of West Haverstraw from 1959-1972, and Mayor from 1972-2007; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure, Mayor Edward Zugibe was elected to eight terms, and produced many notable achievements, including the construction of two firehouses, the development of the village's recreation area, and creation of the community center and Village Hall complex; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his tremendous contribution, the Village Hall and Community Center was renamed The Edward P. Zugibe Sr. West Haverstraw Village Hall and Community Center in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Edward Zugibe was sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom he worked; committed to the people he represented, his State, and his Nation, he served the public with dignity, dedication and incisive wisdom; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his sister Victoria and four brothers, Benjamin, Victor (Paul), John, and Fredrick, Edward Zugibe is survived by his loving wife of 66 years Mary; three children, Victoria, Valerie (Charles), and Edward, Jr. (Eileen); and eight grandchildren, Erica (Scott), Aaron, Nicholas (Rachel), James, Paul, Michael, Ashleigh, and Candice; as well as one great-granddaughter, Emma; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Edward Zugibe 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 former Mayor Edward Zugibe, renowned public servant, 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 Edward Zugibe.