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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of William Brustman, 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 William Brustman of Obernburg, New York, died on Thursday, January 1, 2015, at the age of 95; and

WHEREAS, William Brustman was born on February 17, 1919, to the late Jacob and Mary Sator Brustman; he was raised in Obernburg and attended local schools; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel William Brustman proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army after enlisting in 1941; he rose swiftly through the ranks to become Staff Sergeant, and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant following his completion of Officer Candidate School; and

WHEREAS, A courageous soldier and leader, Lieutenant Colonel William Brustman fought bravely as a Mortar Platoon Leader during World War II, a Rifle Company Commander in Korea, and as a Military Advisor in Vietnam; after many years of honorable military service, he retired in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel William Brustman was the recipient of numerous accolades for his many acts of gallantry on the battlefield; he

was presented with the Bronze Star on three separate occasions, and also held the distinction of being one of a select group of individuals to have been awarded the Combat Infantry Badge Third Award; and WHEREAS, In addition, Lieutenant Colonel William Brustman was a 2007 Inductee into the New York State Veterans Hall of Fame, and his name is inscribed on a large plaque at the United States Army Infantry Museum in Fort Benning, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel William Brustman's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, A proud supporter of veterans organizations and causes, Lieutenant Colonel William Brustman was a member of the Allan Milk VFW Post No. 7276, American Legion Post 276, and the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation; he was also a charter member of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C., the Military Officers Army Association, and 361st Infantry Association; and

WHEREAS, An integral part of his community, William Brustman served as a member of the North Branch Fire Department, and was a parishioner at St. Mary's Church; furthermore, he was an honorary member of the New York State Sheriffs Association, and Girls and Boys Town of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his three brothers, Joseph, George, and Fred, and his three sisters, Barbara, Marie, and Catherine, William Brustman is survived by one brother, Clarence; a sister, Ida; and two sisters-in-law, Yvonne and Helen; as well as several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, William Brustman 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 William Brustman, retired Lieutenant Colonel, distin-

guished 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 William Brustman.