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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of John J. Andrews, 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 J. Andrews of Vestal, New York died on Monday, April 27, 2015 at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, Born February 5, 1931 in Hornell, New York, John J. Andrews never lost enthusiasm for his hometown and his friends there; and

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

WHEREAS, Growing up in the war years, John J. Andrews began working evenings and nights around his school hours at the age of 13 for the Erie Railroad, rising from switch sweeper to the Accounting Bureau; he was also proud to achieve Division I status as a college basketball referee; and

WHEREAS, John J. Andrews joined the New York State Police after honorably serving with distinction in the United States Navy; he led the Governor's car for the opening of the New York State Thruway in 1954, and worked for several years as a Deputy Sheriff in Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, Upon moving to Broome County in 1963 as a Tobin First Prize Salesman, John J. Andrews was elected Broome County Sheriff for two terms in the 1970s; he was ahead of his times in jail administration, introducing competitive civil service, hiring the first women deputies, establishing a Mobile Radio Communications System, and developing the largest inmate Work Release Program in Upstate New York; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious career, John J. Andrews also significantly improved safety and health conditions for guards and inmates; his initiatives included mental health clinics, High School Equivalency training, library services, and dental services for inmates; in addition, he hired the first full-time jail Chaplain; and

WHEREAS, With a true passion for government and politics, in retirement, John J. Andrews served legal papers for HH&K and other law firms, right up through age 82; and

WHEREAS, Known for his warmth and wit, John J. Andrews enjoyed vegetable gardening, golf and meeting people; his greatest joy was in musical theatre performance; he appeared locally in numerous productions of "Hello Dolly," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Annie Get Your Gun," "The Music Man," "My Fair Lady," "The Sound of Music," "South Pacific," "The Most Happy Fella," "Anything Goes," "No, No, Nanette," "Camelot," and "The King and I" at the Cider Mill in Endicott, New York; and

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

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, Clair and Edna Saxon Andrews; two brothers, Clifton (Kip) and Donald; a brother in spirit, Frank; and his sister, Ruth, John J. Andrews is survived by his partner of 34 years, Katherine (Kate) and her extended family; his five children, Susan (Jerry), Bernie (Sue), Marybeth (William), Joseph and Alice; nine grandchildren, Jacqueline, Michael, Nicholas, Madelyn, John, Robert, Sara, Luke and Violet; his former son-in-law, Luke (Karen) and their children Matthew and Kelli; sister-in-law, Mary Ann; several nieces and nephews; his Godson, Santino DeAngelo; his first cousin Paul (Clara); and close friends and neighbors, Monica and Russ Pennington; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, John J. Andrews 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 J. Andrews, 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 J. Andrews.