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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Joseph G. Manupella, 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, Joseph G. Manupella of Lansingburgh, New York, died on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Lansingburgh, Joseph G. Manupella was the son of Joseph and Helen Maslott Manupella; he graduated from St. Augustine's School and Lansingburgh High School; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 15, Joseph G. Manupella obtained a false birth certificate in order to enlist in the military, and proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy during World War II; he eagerly reenlisted in the United States Army after the Korean War broke out, earning two Purple Hearts while valiantly defending our nation's freedom; and

WHEREAS, Following the completion of his military service, Joseph G. Manupella opened Hamburger Haven on 112th Street, and later became a truant officer for the Lansingburgh School District; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, A life-long member of the Boys & Girls Club, Joseph G. Manupella had a positive impact on the lives of thousands of children who benefited from his care, compassion, and mentorship; and

WHEREAS, In 1966, Joseph G. Manupella became the Executive Director of the Lansingburgh Boys & Girls Club, where he strived to positively

transform the lives of generations of children who called the club their second home; and

WHEREAS, A true pillar of his community, Joseph G. Manupella began his outstanding 33-year political career in the Rensselaer County Legislature during the mid-1960s; he also served for 12 years as Chairman of the County Legislature, and credited his success in politics to the belief that politics is the art of compromise, and to never forget where you came from; and

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

WHEREAS, A man of faith, Joseph G. Manupella was a loyal and devoted member of St. Augustine's Parish, a 40-year member of the St. Vincent DePaul Society, and a tireless fundraiser for both St. Augustine's School and the Sisters of St. Joseph; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his first wife, Margaret Gleason; his second wife, Catherine Hayes; his son, John; and four siblings, George, Marion, Helen, and Margaret, Joseph G. Manupella is survived by his devoted son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Peggy; his four cherished grandchildren, John, Patrick, Nicole and Danielle; sisters, Josephine, Henrietta, and Rose Marie; one sister-in-law, Mary Ann; and one brother-in-law, Gene; as well as several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Joseph G. Manupella 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 Joseph G. Manupella, 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 Joseph G. Manupella.