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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Walter Fedourich, 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, Walter Fedourich of Binghamton, New York, died on September 25, 2015, at the age of 93, after finishing his favorite breakfast and seeing the New York Giants win the night before; during his last days, he was vibrant and joyous and shared time with family and friends; and WHEREAS, Walter Fedourich loved being with and meeting people; he loved listening to everyone's stories and everyone loved hearing his tales; his beautiful infectious smile, twinkle in his eyes and his kind and caring demeanor made everyone adore him; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man knew how to make people smile and feel wanted; his two favorite sayings were, "You made my day" and "Old age ain't for sissies"; and

WHEREAS, Walter Fedourich served his country as a member of the United States Navy during World War II; upon returning home, he established the Fedo Sign Company in 1952 and operated it through 2015; and

WHEREAS, Walter "Fedo" Fedourich distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; his commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, He was elected to the Broome County Board of Supervisors in 1956 and again in 1957; he was then elected to the Binghamton City Council the following year and served through 1969; and appointed Public

Works Commissioner in 1970 and held that position through 1981; and WHEREAS, Walter Fedourich held numerous offices, including City Councilman: Minority Leader 1967-1969, President Pro-Tem 1962, and President of City Council 1964; he served on the Board of Contract & Supply and Board of Apportionment, and the Binghamton Urban Renewal Agency, 1970 through 1981; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Walter Fedourich was the Acting Mayor of Binghamton in 1960, 1961, and 1963; an active and lifelong member of Holy Spirit Byzantine Church, he was also a lifelong member of First Ward American Legion Post 1254, and a member of The Last Mans' Club American Legion Post 1254, the Binghamton Moose Club, Binghamton Lions Club and Broome County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife, Anne; daughter, Paulette; brother, Joseph; two sisters, Mary Ainsworth and Millie Williams; and a nephew, William Kostun, Walter Fedourich is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Walter and Judy; son, Richard (Renelle) Fedourich; granddaughter, Ursi (Mike) Vaillancourt; two great-grandchildren, Trinity and Mason Vaillancourt; seven nieces, Nancy (Gene) Labare, Madeline (Dan) Matthews, Dolores (Lou) Ferraro, Marlene Hessberger, Milly Fedourich, Beverly Moschak and Helen Kostun; and one nephew, Joseph (Carol) Fedourich, as well as many great nieces, great nephews and dear friends; and WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Walter Fedourich 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 Walter Fedourich, and to offer its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Walter Fedourich.