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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Hugh A. Kearney, engineer, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the Empire State whose lifework and civic endeavor served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Hugh A. Kearney, of Bainbridge, New York, died on Friday, January 8, 2015, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Born on July 28, 1929, in Bellevue, Pennsylvania, Hugh A. Kearney was the son of the late James and Agnes (Crooks) Kearny; and
WHEREAS, After graduating from high school, Hugh A. Kearney proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy from 1948 to 1952; and

WHEREAS, Following the completion of his military service, Hugh A. Kearney married Joyce Oliver at a ceremony held in Bainbridge in 1953; together, they shared 62 years of love and marriage, and were the proud parents of three daughters, as well as the loving grandparents of four grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious 37 year career, Hugh A. Kearney worked as both an engineer and supervisor at Amphenol Corporation in Sidney, New York, and contributed five and one-half years on the International Space Station; he was also responsible for numerous patents on products and manufacturing processes; and

WHEREAS, Hugh A. Kearney's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; he was a longtime member of the Bainbridge Fire Department, and served as Secretary Treasurer of the Fire District for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated member of the Bainbridge community, Hugh A. Kearney ably held the position of Bainbridge Town Supervisor for 18 years; he also served as a member of the local school board for five years, including two years as President; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Hugh A. Kearney contributed his time as Treasurer of his church for seven years, was a Board member of the Chenango County IDA, and enjoyed volunteering at the Classic Car Museum in Norwich; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous accolades for his outstanding service, Hugh A. Kearney was named 2001 Bainbridge Citizen of the Year, and received an award for his commitment to community from the Chenango County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents; his two sisters, Martha and Helen; and granddaughter, Bethany, Hugh A. Kearney is survived by his beloved wife, Joyce; their three daughters, Janet (Carl), Carol (Thomas) and Nancy (Johnny); four grandchildren, Sarah, Ian, Claire and Natalie; and one great-granddaughter, Kyrsten; as well as his sister, Elizabeth (Ray); and brother, Peter (Karen); and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Hugh A. Kearney 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 Hugh A. Kearney, engineer, 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 Hugh A. Kearney.