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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of The Honorable J. Timothy Breen, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to publicly mourn the death of those distinguished citizens who would devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Judge J. Timothy Breen of Queensbury, New York, died on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at the age of 67; and

WHEREAS, Born on July 12, 1948, J. Timothy Breen was the son of the late John Timothy and Mary Finn Breen; as a young man, he attended Saint Mary's Academy where he served as President of the Class of 1966; and

WHEREAS, J. Timothy Breen earned his Bachelor of Arts degree with Departmental Honors from Le Moyne College, and received his Juris Doctor degree from Albany Law School; he also proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army Reserve for six years; and

WHEREAS, After completing his studies, J. Timothy Breen began his accomplished legal career with the firm of Little and O'Connor, and subsequently, was one of the first appointed Support Magistrates by the Office of Court Administration in 1995; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed public servant was appointed by the Governor in June of 1999 to serve as Warren County Family Court Judge; he later ran for two subsequent terms to become the longest sitting Family Court Judge in Warren County history; and

WHEREAS, During his judicial tenure, Judge J. Timothy Breen became known for his tremendous work ethic, no-nonsense demeanor and dedication to helping those he presided over; he was also respected for being a tireless advocate for young people, and started one of the region's

first Family Court drug treatment court programs; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Judge J. Timothy Breen further distinguished himself by serving as an acting Supreme Court Justice presiding over matrimonial and divorce actions; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, Judge J. Timothy Breen was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; and

WHEREAS, Judge J. Timothy Breen's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; he was a member of both the New York State Bar Association, and Warren County Bar Association, as well as the New York State Family Court Judicial Association, where he served as delegate to the 4th Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, An integral part of his community, Judge J. Timothy Breen proudly served as a trustee of the Hyde Collection, and as Director of both the Conkling Center and the Glen at Highland Meadows; he was also a member of the Chapman Historical Museum, Fort House Museum, and the Feeder Canal Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents and brother, Daniel Patrick, Judge J. Timothy Breen is survived by his husband, Michael D. Gleason; his sisters, Johanna (Joseph) and Mary Ellen(Frederick); two nephews, Jeffrey (Karyn) and Todd (Sera) ; and two nieces, Amy (Thomas) and Carolyn (James); as well as his three sisters-in-law, Nancy (Paul), Linda (Paul) and Elaine (Colin); and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Judge J. Timothy Breen 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 celebrate the life and distinguished career of The Honorable J. Timothy Breen, recognizing his exceptional service, and conveying its sincere

condolences to his beloved family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of The Honorable J. Timothy Breen.