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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of famed singer and songwriter Glenn Frey

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay tribute to those individuals whose commitment and creative talents have contributed to the entertainment and cultural enrichment of their community and the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Frey, singer, songwriter, and co-founder of the legendary rock group the Eagles died on Monday, January 18, 2016, in New York City, at the age of 67; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Lewis Frey was born on November 6, 1948, and was raised in suburban Detroit; and

WHEREAS, At the time of his death, Glenn Frey was a resident of Tribeca; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Frey originally studied piano, but after seeing The Beatles perform live, he quickly switched to guitar and joined a local band; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Frey's first big break came in 1967, when Bob Seger wrote two songs for Glenn's band, the Mushrooms; and

WHEREAS, In 1969, Glenn Frey moved to Los Angeles, where he met Don Henley, Randy Meisner and Bernie Leadon to form the Eagles; and

WHEREAS, The Eagles first album in 1972 had three top 40 hits: "Take It Easy", "Witchy Woman", and "Peaceful Easy Feeling" and their second album contained such favorites as "Desperado" and "Tequila Sunrise"; and

WHEREAS, The Eagles greatest commercial success came in 1976 with the release of "Hotel California", which sold 16 million copies, and was ranked No. 37 in Rolling Stone's 2012 list of the 500 greatest albums of all time; and

WHEREAS, The song "Hotel California" was ranked No. 49 in Rolling

Stone's 2011 list of the Top 500 songs of all time; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of their career, Glenn Frey and the Eagles sold more than 100 million albums worldwide; won six Grammys and five American Music Awards; were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1998; and were scheduled to be given the Kennedy Center Honors in 2015; and

WHEREAS, After the breakup of the Eagles in 1980, Glenn Frey became a successful solo artist, releasing Top 40 hits "The Heat Is On", "You Belong To The City" and "True Love"; and

WHEREAS, Glenn Frey also appeared as an actor in such works as "Miami Vice", "Arli\$\$", "Let's Get Harry", and "Jerry Maguire"; and

WHEREAS, A man of great talent, Glenn Frey is survived by his wife, Cindy, and their three children, Taylor, Deacon, and Otis; while he will be missed by his family, his fans and all who knew him, the mark he left on our lives will never leave; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of famed singer and songwriter Glenn Frey; and be it further

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