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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Eugene C. Zinni, 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, Eugene C. Zinni of North Tonawanda, New York, passed away on February 25, 2016, at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS, Born on May 21, 1936, in North Tonawanda, Eugene Zinni was the son of Joseph and Mary (DeLuca) Zinni; and

WHEREAS, As a young man, Eugene Zinni proudly served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps from 1954 to 1957, earning the Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Following the completion of his military service, Eugene Zinni worked for Niagara County Community College, where he served as Director of Corporate Training until his retirement in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Well-known in the Western New York community for his passion for football, Eugene Zinni held the position of Assistant Football Coach for the Buffalo State Bengals until 2016; he was also passionately involved in football at the high school, college and semi-pro levels; and

WHEREAS, Eugene C. Zinni distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; he participated in numerous fundraisers and charity events, including the Lions All Star Football Classic, and the Zinni Classic Golf Tournament; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Eugene C. Zinni was a member of the Kensington Lions Club, the Western New York Football Coaches Association, and the

Western New York Safety Conference, Inc.; and

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

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, Eugene C. Zinni is survived by his wife, Marlene; and their three children, Lauren (Mark), Eugene (Miho) and Michael (Jerri); as well as his six grandchildren Emily, Rebecca, Joshua, Tyler, Kaylyn and Michael; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Eugene C. Zinni 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 Eugene C. Zinni, 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 Eugene C. Zinni.