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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION celebrating the life and many accomplishments of Peter S. Glassman, Esq., skilled mediator, loving family man, and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is with feelings of deepest regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Peter Glassman, a preeminent citizen whose distinguished public service and caring commitment will long serve as a standard to which others might aspire; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and recognize individuals who made significant contributions to the human and civil rights of New York State, and therefore it is fitting and appropriate to recognize the life and work of Peter Glassman; and

WHEREAS, Peter S. Glassman of Round Lake, New York, died on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at the age of 59; and

WHEREAS, Born on November 1, 1956, to Arnold and Anita Glassman, Peter S. Glassman was raised in Saratoga Springs, New York, where he spent a great deal of his time at local establishments such as East Side Rec, the YMCA, Caffè Lena and Saratoga Performing Arts Center, cultivating his lifelong love of athletics and music; and

WHEREAS, Peter S. Glassman earned his bachelor's degree from Cornell University; he then went on to obtain his Juris Doctor with honors from Howard University; after receiving his law degree, he was admitted to the New York State Bar; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Peter S. Glassman successfully completed numerous mediation training courses including Basic Mediation Training, Divorce Mediation Training, Transformative Mediation Training, Conflict and Collaboration in Environmental and Community Decision-making, Advanced Mediation Training, Land Use/Multi-Party Mediation and Facilitation Training; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Peter S. Glassman was certified as a Basic Mediation Trainer, and a New York State Unified Court System State Mediator; he also participated in a Certificate Program in Public Participation; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, Peter S. Glassman was dedicated to causes of social justice throughout his life, and directed his career to working for organizations which upheld his ideals; his kind and gentle temperament aligned naturally with his recognition of purpose as a peacemaker which led him to the work of mediation, civil engagement and facilitation; and

WHEREAS, Peter S. Glassman dedicated his time and energy to several worthy organizations such as Catholic Charities, Mediation Matters and the New York State Dispute Resolution Association; and

WHEREAS, For 13 years, Peter S. Glassman held the esteemed position of Executive Director of Mediation Matters, Albany, New York; in this capacity, he was in charge of all facets of the operations of the New York State funded, non-profit, dispute resolution center which specialized in mediation, facilitation and arbitration; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, Peter S. Glassman formed a private consulting practice specializing in mediation, conflict management, group facilitation, organizational change management and customized training; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work with his firm, Peter S. Glassman, LLC, this remarkable man served as Executive Director for Community Mediation Center of Rhode Island, a position he held until his passing; in this role, he was in charge of operations of the non-profit Community Dispute Resolution Center which covered the entire state of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, From 2013-2015, Peter S. Glassman held the title of Statewide Director of the New York State Agricultural Mediation Program (NYSAMP), which provides opportunities for people in the agricultural community to communicate clearly, negotiate effectively, and to find fair and work-

able solutions; and

WHEREAS, For two years, Peter S. Glassman was responsible for program administration, development and outreach including case management, training mediators, coordinating and training local community mediation center staff, preparing marketing materials, building partnerships with agricultural agencies providing service to agricultural producers, producing press releases, brochures, annual reports, and other materials; meeting with state legislators and other governmental officials, and speaking at engagements and workshops; and

WHEREAS, A brilliant man and arbitrator, Peter S. Glassman taught upper level undergraduate courses in Conflict Resolution and Mediation at Siena College, Skidmore College, and the Albany Law School where he brought to fruition a Mediation Clinic; throughout the years, he trained and inspired hundreds of mediators across the state, many of whom were touched by his gifts and graced by his amazing sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, A man of many interests and passions, Peter S. Glassman enjoyed playing both tennis and basketball, and liked to ride bikes; he was an ardent animal lover, a voracious reader, and appreciated the beautiful beaches of St. John, Virgin Islands, and Plum Island, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Peter S. Glassman is survived by his beloved wife of 33 years, Elyn Zimmerman; two cherished children, Morgan and Zena Zimmerglass; his mother, Anita; his two brothers, Darshan (Darshan) and Jagannath (Jaga); and one sister, Eva (Lee) Nagel; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, colleagues, sports buddies and friends; and

WHEREAS, Peter S. Glassman's name will forever be synonymous with character, dignity, intellect, depth, and humor, qualities evident to his family and to all those who were fortunate enough to have known him; he will be deeply missed; and

WHEREAS, In appreciation of his life of commitment, dedication and substantial contribution, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records this tribute to the memory of Peter S. Glass-

man that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he was held; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the life and many accomplishments of Peter S. Glassman, Esq.,

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skilled mediator, loving family man, 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 Peter S. Glassman, Esq.