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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Frank J. Pullano, 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, Frank J. Pullano of Geneva, New York, died on Friday, February 12th, 2016, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Born on February 23rd, 1929, Frank J. Pullano was the son of Rosario and Catherine Anne (Gaglianese) Pullano; as a young man, he attended Geneva public schools and proudly served his country as a member of the New York State National Guard where his military awards included the Good Conduct Medal and the Meritorious Service Award; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from DeSales High School, Frank J. Pullano began an illustrious career in the home improvement industry which would last six decades; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, this esteemed man retired as the Deputy Public Affairs Officer for the New York State Division of Military Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to helping others, Frank J. Pullano was a tireless volunteer for the Geneva area, and earned the nicknames, "Mr. Geneva" and "The Unofficial Mayor of Geneva"; and

WHEREAS, Frank J. Pullano's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; he served as Chairman of the Heart Fund Drive, The March of Dimes and the Cancer Fund, and was one of the founding fathers of the Geneva Junior League Football; and

WHEREAS, With a sense of civic responsibility, Frank J. Pullano acted as co-Chairman of Geneva's Bicentennial and past President of both the

Geneva Chamber of Commerce and Geneva Growth; he also helped found Geneva Scholarship Associates, which has sent over 150 local students to Hobart and William Smith Colleges since its inception; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Frank J. Pullano served on the Geneva Human Rights Commission, the Smith Opera House board, and as original member of the annual Lake Trout Derby; and

WHEREAS, Moreover, Frank J. Pullano was a member of numerous worthy organizations including American Legion, Knights of Columbus, the Geneva Country Club Hydrant Hose, Sons of Italy, the Military Officers Association of America and the Disabled American Veterans; he also co-chaired the successful YMCA fundraising drive that built the current facility; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and honors for his outstanding service, Frank J. Pullano was named 1980 Man of the Year by the Geneva Italian Club and was presented with the New York State Liberty Award from the State Senate, the President's Award from Hobart and William Smith Colleges, the DeSales Alumni Hall of Fame Award, and the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the American Legion Winnek Post 396, as well as the Share the Light Award from Catholic Charities; and

WHEREAS, A man of many abilities and talents, Frank J. Pullano's hobbies included writing, computers, photography, travel, fishing and golf; he also wrote a feature column for the FINGER LAKES TIMES called "Pullano's People and Places," and most recently wrote a column dedicated to the honor of veterans called "Thank You for Your Service"; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his first wife Jeannie; and infant daughter, Mary Frances, Frank J. Pullano is survived by his wife, Donna, his four children, Russell (Susan), Frank (Lanice), Kathy (Ed), and David, and two stepchildren, Melissa (Kevin) and James (Kyle); in addition he is

survived by his nine grandchildren, Reed (Lindsay), Mary (Sean), Hannah (Chris), Antoine (Trina), Sarah, Nathan, Tica (Daniel), Jocelyn and Jacob, and three great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, as well

as those who considered him a second father; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Frank J. Pullano 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 Frank J. Pullano, 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 Frank J. Pullano.