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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Joseph De Santo, dedicated coach, 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, Joseph De Santo of Newark, New York, died on Tuesday, March 8th, 2016, at the age of 75; and

WHEREAS, Born in Buffalo, New York, on November 4th, 1940, Joseph De Santo was the son of the late Rocco E. and Theresa Nittolo De Santo; he graduated from Newark High School in 1959 and then embarked on a life which was marked by public service to both his country and community; and

WHEREAS, For six years, Joseph De Santo honorably served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Joseph De Santo spent time in California and then returned to Newark where he began working as Project Superintendent for the Pike Construction Company, a position he held for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Joseph De Santo distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, A steadfast supporter of all types of athletics, Joseph De Santo coached Newark Little League Baseball and Vince Lombardi Football for many years and molded and mentored many of the youth giving everyone a special nick name; and

WHEREAS, As a young athlete himself, Joseph De Santo was inducted into

the Newark Athletic Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Joseph De Santo's commitment to excellence and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, From 2000 to 2008, Joseph De Santo served as Town Supervisor for the Town of Arcadia and was serving as a Town Councilman at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Joseph De Santo served on the Newark Board of Education for six years until 2014 and was the recipient of the Friend of Education Award by the Newark School District; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community, Joseph De Santo served on several boards of directors including Newark-Wayne Community Hospital, Wayne ARC, Wayne County Action Program, Inc. as well as the Cornell Extension Service; and

WHEREAS, Joseph De Santo was also a devoted member and communicant of Saint Michael's Church in Newark; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, Rocco E. and Theresa, Joseph De Santo is survived by his devoted wife of 48 years, Judy; his brother, Dick; three daughters, Nicole (Matthew), Shelly (Kevin) and Jaclyn (Donnie); seven grandchildren, Tyler, Madison, Evan, Tristan, Kody, Blake and Reagan; as well as several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Joseph De Santo 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 Joseph De Santo, dedicated coach, 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 Joseph De Santo.