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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Brother George Danes posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the AHEPA Lifetime Membership Certificate on June 20, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those prominent citizens whose lifework and purposeful endeavors have served to enrich and enhance the quality and character of life for others in their community and the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Brother George Danes posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the AHEPA Lifetime Membership Certificate by the AHEPA Chapter No. 140, to be celebrated with a Dinner on Monday, June 20, 2016, at Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Church Community Center, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, George Charles Danes was born on March 3, 1940, the son of Charles and Garafalia Danes; he was initiated into AHEPA Chapter No. 140 on December 30, 1962, and became a Lifetime Member of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) on April 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Albany Academy and Franklin and Marshall College, George Danes honorably served as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps; upon the completion of his military service, he taught and coached at the Albany Academy for Boys; and

WHEREAS, George Danes' illustrious career as an investment advisor began at Spencer Trask in the mid-1970s and spanned more than 40 years; he worked for First Albany, Merrill Lynch, Cowen and Company, Society General and ultimately with the Hudson River Investment Group at Morgan Stanley, where he became a senior vice president; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to his community, George Danes served on the St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church Parish Council, was an active volunteer in the Albany community, and served on numerous other boards, including Albany Memorial Hospital and The Albany Academy; and

WHEREAS, Time spent with his family, children and grandchildren was truly precious to George Danes, and he loved to entertain and share good food, wine, music, and dancing; a lifetime athlete and passionate golfer, he could often be found on the golf course offering golfing advice to friends; traveling to golf destinations all over the world was his other joy; and

WHEREAS, George Danes was an avid reader, and loved to travel to Europe, especially Greece, and the Island of Lesbos where his family originated; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, coming from a restaurant family and with a passion for the business, George Danes became owner of the Gateway Diner in the late 1970s; seven years ago he fulfilled a life-long dream of owning a Greek restaurant when he opened the Athos Restaurant; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Sophia, as well as their children and grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which George Danes displayed throughout his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Brother George Danes posthumously upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the AHEPA Lifetime Membership Certificate on June 20, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Brother George Danes.