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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of George R. Low, World War II veteran, 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, George R. Low of Pine Bush, New York, died on Sunday, June 5, 2016, at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, Born in Pine Bush, New York, on May 13, 1926, to Mary Frances Cooper and William Low, George R. Low spent his life in Pine Bush, the town he loved; and

WHEREAS, George R. Low proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army in the 135th Engineer Combat Battalion as a Private First Class during World War II where he was awarded a Purple Heart, Bronze Star and World War II Victory Medal, and was on the second Honor Flight from the Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, A career in public service, George R. Low spent 37 years with the United States Postal Service, including 20 as Postmaster; his career also included over 30 years as a Director of the Wallkill Valley Federal Savings and Loan, 12 years on the Town of Crawford Assessment Board of Review, 11 years on the Pine Bush School Board and four years as Park Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, George R. Low distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

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

WHEREAS, A proud supporter of veterans organizations and causes, George R. Low served as Past Commander of the G. Paul Bettinger Post American Legion No. 1308 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

WHEREAS, An integral part of his community, George R. Low was very active in many Pine Bush service organizations including Past President of the Pine Bush Ambulance Corp where he founded the annual 5K race, Coach, Manager and Umpire of the Pine Bush Little League, Meals on Wheels, and past Fire Commissioner and past Assistant Chief of the Pine Bush Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, An active outdoor enthusiast, George R. Low enjoyed spending time at the Iroquois Hunting and Fishing Club where he served as a President and Director; he also liked spending time with his friends at the local McDonald's and playing cards at the Pine Bush Library; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his loving wife of 53 years, Helen; his son, George William; and his sister, Mary Schmidt; George R. Low is survived by his two daughters, Terry (Frank) and Coby; one son, Steve (Anne); and five grandchildren, Daniel, Elizabeth, Keirstin, Steven and Morgan; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, George R. Low 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 George R. Low, World War II veteran, 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 George R. Low.