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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Stanley Brooks Burdick, 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, Stanley Brooks Burdick of Ticonderoga, New York, died on Friday, April 22, 2016, at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, Born on March 2, 1926, in Westerly, Rhode Island, to Reverend Paul S. Burdick and Hancy Brooks Burdick, Stanley Brooks Burdick, affectionately known as Stan, grew up in several towns in Rhode Island and New York, as his father served churches in the area; and

WHEREAS, Stan Burdick distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Upon his graduation from Salem College in West Virginia, Stan Burdick began a 17-year career with the YMCA that took him from Cranston, Rhode Island to Middletown, Connecticut and on to Hamilton and then Sandusky, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, this affiliation with the YMCA also led Stan Burdick to the Silver Bay Association where he called square dances for more than 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Stan Burdick and his wife Cathie were married in 1955, at the Silver Bay Chapel; in 1968, he left the YMCA and the couple purchased AMERICAN SQUAREDANCE magazine, which they published and edited for 23 years; and

WHEREAS, In the heyday of club square dancing, Stan Burdick was an accomplished "traveling" caller; he called in every state in America,

all of the Canadian provinces, and 20 countries abroad; he and his wife led square dance tour groups around the world, including China and Africa, which they were able to promote in their magazine; and

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

WHEREAS, After the Burdick's sold the magazine in 1991, they retired to their cottage at Silver Bay; Stan continued his lifelong hobby of cartooning, drawing editorial cartoons for stints at THE POST-STAR in Glens Falls, THE PRESS REPUBLICAN in Plattsburgh, and THE TIME OF TI in Ticonderoga; and

WHEREAS, Stan Burdick also traveled to clubs and nursing homes and presented programs of recitations and rhymes, accompanied by cartoon; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed man started a cartoon museum in Hague, later moving it to Ticonderoga, before donating the collection to the Pittsburgh Toonseum in 2009; he also taught area children to draw in various area venues; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community, Stan Burdick was one of the three founders of the Northern Lake George Rotary, the organizer of the Ticonderoga Stamp Club, and he brought a chapter of Torch International to the area; and

WHEREAS, Stan Burdick is survived by his wife of 60 years, Cathie; two sons, Bruce and Paul; a daughter Susan (Jamie); two brothers, Robert and Roy; and a sister, Marion; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Stan Burdick 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 Stanley Brooks Burdick, 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 Stanley Brooks Burdick.