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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Wilbur "Bill" Barkman, 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, Wilbur "Bill" Barkman of Johnson City, New York, died on Monday, August 23, 2010, at the age of 81; and

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

WHEREAS, Retired from Johnson City School District in 1991, he was a Junior Varsity Coach for Johnson City High and a Little League Coach and Manager for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, For his and his brothers' long contribution to the Johnson City Little League, the current All Star Tournament is in their name; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work with Johnson City Little League, Bill Barkman worked for 27 years as a groundskeeper with Johnson City High School, preparing the varsity baseball and football fields before retiring in 1994; he and his brother also worked the chains at Wildcats football games; and

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

WHEREAS, A family man who loved family gatherings, Bill Barkman was a congregant of All Saints Episcopal Church in Johnson City, New York; and

WHEREAS, Although he was an avid bowler and a fan of football and

basketball, his true passion was baseball, particularly youth baseball;

and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, Ralph and Martha Barkman; infant daughter, Susan Barkman; and sister, Wilma Bartlett, Bill Barkman is

survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Thelma Barkman; sons and

daughter-in-law, David and Linda Barkman, William Barkman, Larry Bark-

man; brothers, Elmer and Terry Barkman; and grandchildren, Gary (Mindy)

Barkman, Kenny Barkman and Stephanie Marrotta, Vince Barkman, Katie

Merrill, David Barkman; as well as several great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of

compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Bill Barkman 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 Wilbur "Bill" Barkman, distinguished citizen and

devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

smitted to the family of Wilbur "Bill" Barkman.