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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Roy A. Jordan, 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, Roy A. Jordan, retired Verizon District Manager, of East Amherst, New York died on November 24, 2010, at the age of 81; and

WHEREAS, Buffalo native Roy A. Jordan, attended Seneca Vocational High School; he worked as a coal passer on Great Lakes freighters before enlisting in the United States Army in 1948; he was trained in the Signal Corps and was stationed in Tokyo, Japan; he was honorably discharged in 1952; and

WHEREAS, Roy A. Jordan distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Roy A. Jordan began work at Verizon as a janitor and received various promotions over the years to lineman, then cable splicer and later technician; he attended Buffalo State College at night to earn a bachelor's degree and eventually was promoted to District Manager, responsible for all outdoor telephone lines and equipment throughout the 716 area code; and

WHEREAS, Driven and hardworking, Roy A. Jordan retired from Verizon in 1991, remarkably, never missing a day of work during his 39 year career, a distinction of which he was most proud; and

WHEREAS, From 1992 to 1994, Roy A. Jordan lived in Bangkok organizing the installation of a million new phone lines in Thailand for Telecom Asia; and

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

WHEREAS, Proudly serving on the board of directors for the Buffalo Yacht Club for four decades, Roy A. Jordan also served as Commodore of the club in 1998; in 2001, he was appointed Ship's Husband, the club's highest honor, recognizing his years of dedication and service; and

WHEREAS, A true lover of boating, Roy A. Jordan along with his family, spent many summers living on the boat, which was docked at his beloved Buffalo Yacht Club; and

WHEREAS, Roy A. Jordan and his wife of 49 years, Dorothy Becker Jordan, sailed the Caribbean and toured Europe, Australia and other parts of the world in retirement until Mrs. Jordan's death in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Roy A. Jordan is predeceased by his parents, George and Grace Jordan, his brothers, Gene, George Jr., James, Gerry and Russell, and his loving wife Dorothy; he is survived by two daughters, Dawn and Grace, and two sons and their wives, Roy Jr. and Patricia, and Michael and Elizabeth, as well as 11 grandchildren, Ariana, Brendan, Kelly, Meghan, Katie, Dan, Jason, Jacquelyn, Shawn, Eric and Rebecca; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Roy A. Jordan 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 Roy A. Jordan, 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 Roy A. Jordan.