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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Louis J. Cotrona, 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, Louis J. Cotrona of North Greenbush, New York, died on Tuesday, February 26, 2013, at the age of 76; and

WHEREAS, Born in Troy, New York, the son of the late Rocco and Mary Centanni Cotrona, Louis J. Cotrona was a 1954 graduate of Catholic Central High School; he continued his education and earned a bachelor of arts degree, in history and social studies from Siena College, and then attained a master's degree in public administration from Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy; and

WHEREAS, Louis J. Cotrona distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Louis Cotrona's service in State and local government was filled with an extensive record of accomplishments; he maintained a reputation predicated on honesty, high ethical standards, and commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, On March 23, 1964, Louis J. Cotrona began his illustrious career in public service as an intern with the State Division of the Budget; after serving in various positions for numerous political leaders, he became the administrative director of the Senate Finance Committee for the Senate Majority Conference; and

WHEREAS, Subsequently, Louis J. Cotrona became the legislative liaison officer to Governor Carey; he then accepted the position of deputy

appointments officer to the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Later, Louis J. Cotrona served as the executive deputy commissioner for the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services; at the end of his dedicated public service career, he became the second executive director for the Temporary State Commission on Lobbying; and

WHEREAS, It was at that same time, Louis J. Cotrona served on the executive committee of the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws, a national organization that focused on developing best practices and processes for all matters related to lobbying, elections, and ethics; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, Louis J. Cotrona co-founded Capitol Strategies, LLC, a consulting firm specializing in identifying government contracting opportunities for leading technology companies and private education institutions and colleges; and

WHEREAS, Notably, he spearheaded the development of Quick Draw; with a passion for policy, driving change, and for participating in public service, Louis J. Cotrona most recently volunteered his time to local initiatives for the Town of North Greenbush; and

WHEREAS, He was an active member of the Assessment Board of Review and served as a liaison to the town board; and

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

WHEREAS, Louis J. Cotrona is survived by his two children, Mary Robyn Cotrona and Christopher Cotrona; his sisters, Rose (Louis) Bonelli and Grace (the late Ed) Corina; brother, Frank (Dorothy) Cotrona; and his

former wives, Cynthia Cotrona and Barbara Cotrona; as well as several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Louis J. Cotrona 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 Louis J. Cotrona, 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 Louis J. Cotrona.