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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Gus Lanzo, 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, Gus Lanzo of Rockville Centre, New York, died on February 1, 2013, at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, Gus Lanzo was born on October 21, 1924, and raised in Rockville Centre; when he was of age, he was drafted to serve his country during World War II but, because his brother, Frank, was killed in the Battle of the Bulge, he was never deployed outside of the United States; and

WHEREAS, After the war, the Lanzo family traveled to Italy; it was there he met and married Julie Prochilo, in Calabria, in 1947; the couple returned to America and started a life together in Rockville Centre; and

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

WHEREAS, Gus Lanzo spent his life working as a contractor, working from the time he returned to America until approximately three and a half years ago; and

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

WHEREAS, An active member in his community, Gus Lanzo served as an usher at St. Agnes for 25 years before he changed parishes to St.

Anthony's in Oceanside, New York, to be closer to his family; while there, he also served as usher; and

WHEREAS, Gus Lanzo was the Commander of the American Legion Post No. 303 in Rockville Centre for about eight years, and also served as Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus in Oceanside, the country's largest Knights of Columbus chapter; and

WHEREAS, More than anything, Gus Lanzo was a true family man; it was when his family was around him, he was the happiest; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Gus Lanzo 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 Gus Lanzo, 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 Gus Lanzo.