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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Blaine K. MacCrabie, 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, Blaine K. (Mike) MacCrabie of Greene, New York, died on Saturday, June 29, 2013, at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, Born in Binghamton, New York, on November 30, 1930, Mike owned and operated MacCrabie Auto and Farm Parts for many years; and

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

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man served his community for 36 years from 1975 until 2011 in numerous positions, including Town Justice, Town Councilman, Town Supervisor and Chenango County Supervisor; he also served in the Greene Fire Department and Emergency Squad; and

WHEREAS, A member of the Smithville Flats Cemetery Association, Mike MacCrabie enjoyed mowing and maintaining the small cemeteries in both Greene and Smithville Flats; and

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

WHEREAS, Mike MacCrabie was always willing to teach those around him about life, customer service, business, dedication, how to rebuild an engine, and commitment to oneself and to community; and

WHEREAS, Many times Mike MacCrabie was seen taking money out of his pocket to give a parent to help with food for their children and Christ-

mas presents; for many years, he delivered poinsettias to shut-ins, many not even knowing where they came from or why; and WHEREAS, Mike MacCrabie did many more acts of compassion and love towards his neighbor and fellow man, most of which he preferred to remain anonymous; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his father and mother, Glenn and Dorothy (Penn) MacCrabie, and one brother, Ron MacCrabie, Mike MacCrabie is survived by his wife, Valerie (Lindblom); stepson, Kyle Eastwood; brother, Glenn MacCrabie; and nephew and niece, Mark MacCrabie and Karen MacCrabie-Musti; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Mike MacCrabie 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 Blaine K. (Mike) MacCrabie, 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 Blaine K. MacCrabie.