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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Otis G. Pike, longtime New York State Congressman, 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, Otis G. Pike of Riverhead, New York, died on Monday, January 20, 2014, at the age of 92; and

WHEREAS, Otis Grey Pike was born on August 31, 1921, in Riverhead, New York; when he was a small boy, his parents died and he was raised by his relatives; and

WHEREAS, He enrolled at Princeton University, then interrupted his studies to join the United States Marines; he served as a fighter pilot in the Pacific, flying 120 missions during World War II; after being discharged, he completed his degree; and

WHEREAS, At the young age of 14, politics captured Otis G. Pike's imagination; upon graduating from Columbia University Law School in 1948, he practiced law in his hometown and became a justice of the peace; and

WHEREAS, Although his first campaign in 1958 for a House seat failed, Otis G. Pike was elected two years later; in all, he served for nine terms before choosing not to run for re-election in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Otis G. Pike distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, After leaving Congress, Otis G. Pike wrote a column for the NEWHOUSE NEWSPAPERS for the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his first wife, Doris Orth, and his son, Robert, Otis G. Pike is survived by his second wife, Barbe Bonjour Pike; daughter, Lois Pike Eyre; and his son, Douglas; as well as two grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Otis G. Pike 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 Otis G. Pike, longtime New York State Congressman, 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 Otis G. Pike.