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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Juan E. Vega Jr., 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body mourns the death of Juan E. Vega Jr., distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and WHEREAS, Juan Enrique Vega Jr. of Schenectady, New York, died on Sunday, February 2, 2014, at the age of 60; and

WHEREAS, He was born and raised in New York City, arriving in Schenectady in 1977, and quickly making his presence felt in his community; and WHEREAS, Juan E. Vega Jr. distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, He earned his bachelor's degree in business from Excelsior College, and was employed for many years as a proofreader at the New York State Legislative Bill Drafting Commission, where he mentored others, giving them the benefit of his longevity and insight; and WHEREAS, Juan E. Vega Jr.'s commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Genuinely concerned about educational opportunities for young people, Juan E. Vega Jr. was a founding member of the New York Latino Greater Capital Region Dollars For Scholars Inc.; and WHEREAS, Juan E. Vega Jr. was a beautiful light in the lives of all those with whom he came into contact; he enjoyed playing for the Colonie

Senior Basketball League on the Albany RV team and, as a self-taught piano and conga player, had a true passion for music; and WHEREAS, Juan E. Vega Jr.'s highest priority and joy was his family; he delighted in spending time with those he loved and helping others; and

WHEREAS, Juan E. Vega Jr. is survived by his father, Juan Enrique Vega Sr.; his siblings, sister, Maritza, and brother, Angel; his children, Candida and Gabriel; a niece and a nephew, Dulcinea and Benjamin; and his loving companion, Ivette Hall; as well as his many beautiful grand-children; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Juan E. Vega Jr. 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 Juan E. Vega Jr., 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 Juan E. Vega Jr.