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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Edward A. Bogdan Jr., Esq., 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, Edward A. Bogdan Jr. of Naples, Florida, formerly of Amsterdam, New York, died on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, Born in Amsterdam, New York, on July 4, 1930, Edward A. Bogdan Jr. was the son of Dr. Edward A. Bogdan and Valeria Olbrycht Bogdan; and

WHEREAS, Edward A. Bogdan Jr. graduated from Amsterdam High School in 1948, and Harvard College in 1952, where he was a member of the Hasty Pudding Institute of 1770 and SAE fraternity; and

WHEREAS, After graduating, Edward A. Bogdan Jr. served his country as a member of the United States Navy from 1953 to 1955, earning the rank of petty officer third class; and

WHEREAS, Following his tour of duty, Edward A. Bogdan Jr. entered Albany Law School where he was editor-in-chief of the Albany Law Review in his senior year; he was also the valedictorian of the Class of 1959; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation, Edward A. Bogdan Jr. accepted a two-year position as a trial attorney with the tax division of the Department of Justice under the attorney general's program for honor law graduates before returning to the Albany area to enter private practice and pursue his interest in representing clients before the New York State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Edward A. Bogdan Jr., Esq. retired to Naples, Flori-

da, after 40 years of distinguished service in government relations specializing in the state budget process, state tax issues, alcoholic beverage law, first amendment law, energy law, economic development programs and securing state aid to relocate facilities and corporate research facilities to New York; in addition, he represented a variety of Fortune 500 corporations, major trade associations, not-for-profits, and pharmaceutical companies; and

WHEREAS, One year after retiring, Edward A. Bogdan Jr. built the fourth largest lobbying firm in New York State, Bogdan Lasky & Frazier, LLC, of which he was a Managing Partner; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable attorney will be remembered for his representation of New York-based banks, New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Merrill Lynch, the California Wine Institute and for his defense of the Wicks Law; and

WHEREAS, Edward A. Bogdan Jr. distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Edward A. Bogdan Jr.'s commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, During his lifetime, Edward A. Bogdan Jr. served on the board of directors of the American Red Cross, the Albany Boys Club, and was president and director of the Harvard University Club of Eastern New York; and

WHEREAS, He also served as a trustee of both the Fort Orange Club and the Schuyler Meadows Golf Club; was a member of the Saratoga Reading Rooms and the Bourbonnais Fishing Club in Canada; and

WHEREAS, While in Naples, he served as a director of the Harvard Club of Naples and belonged to both the Royal Poinciana Golf Club and the La Playa Beach Club; he was an avid golfer, fisherman and sports enthusiast; and

WHEREAS, Edward A. Bogdan Jr. is survived by his wife of 54 years, Florence Bishop Bogdan; their four children, Agnes (Jon), Edward III (Rosemarie), Valerie (Kevin), and Stephen; and six grandchildren, Kole and Chase Chapski, Drew and Nate Bogdan, and Taylor and Kyle Powers; as well as one sister, Gloria (Orkan) Stasior; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Edward A. Bogdan 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 Edward A. Bogdan Jr., Esq., 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 Edward A. Bogdan Jr.