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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Frederick C. Dana, 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, Frederick C. Dana, 91, of Middletown, New York, passed away peacefully with his wife Helen by his side, on Friday, March 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Frederick C. Dana was born on June 10, 1922, in Dorchester, Massachusetts, to Frederick C. and Margaret Dana; and

WHEREAS, Frederick C. Dana was a veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Naval Patrol Bombing Squadron 101, stationed out of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, After serving as a Boston Police Officer, he moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he worked for a Miller Distributor for 17 years; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Frederick C. Dana purchased the Sweeney Bottling Company in Middletown, New York, and began Dana Distributors; and

WHEREAS, Frederick C. Dana worked very hard to make Dana Distributors what it has become today, and truly is the face of the company's slogan "making friends is our business"; and

WHEREAS, Frederick C. Dana was an avid Boston Red Sox fan and even had the chance to meet his idol, Ted Williams, at a Red Sox fantasy camp; and

WHEREAS, Frederick C. Dana was a loving husband, father, grandfather and a good friend to many; his contagious laugh will always be remembered; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his two sisters, Dorothy Blackwell and Marion Flaherty, Frederick C. Dana is survived by his wife, Helen Dana; his sister, Lillian Cabral; four children, James English (Janet), Patricia Massa (Patrick), Kerry English (Wendy), and Frederick Dana Jr.; and 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; as well as many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Frederick C. Dana leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain 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 Frederick C. Dana, 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 Frederick C. Dana.