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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of James E. Bodkin, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of James E. Bodkin, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, James E. Bodkin will be long remembered for his unwavering service to the City of Buffalo Fire Department, where he served, with honor and distinction, as a firefighter, a leader, and an instructor; and

WHEREAS, James E. Bodkin distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Born in Buffalo's Old First Ward, James Bodkin graduated from Bishop Timon High School in South Buffalo; shortly after graduation he was drafted into the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War, including one year overseas in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, James Bodkin was dedicated to the work of serving and protecting others; he joined the Buffalo Fire Department upon his return from the war and worked his way up to the esteemed position of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, James Bodkin, after receiving numerous commendations for exemplary conduct, actions and deeds, became an instructor at the department's fire training tower, setting a standard of excellence for future generations of firefighters; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, James Bodkin entered a well-earned retirement, moving to Lakeland, Florida, with his wife, Maureen; he was an avid golfer, playing five days each week; and

WHEREAS, In addition to Maureen, his wife of 46 years, James Bodkin is

survived by a daughter, Denise Reynolds; two sons, Steven and Gregory; a sister, Mary Greber; and two brothers, Jack and Tom; and
WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and graced by a loving family, James E. Bodkin 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 James E. Bodkin, 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 James E. Bodkin.