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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Eugene J. Corsale, 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, This Legislative Body is moved to publicly mourn the death of Eugene J. Corsale, of Saratoga Springs, New York, who passed away on Saturday, March 15, 2014, at the age of 85; and

WHEREAS, Eugene J. Corsale, a well-known advocate for veterans and historical preservation, was born on July 25, 1928, in Glens Falls, New York, the son of the late Joseph and Angela Marcantonio Corsale; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation from Saratoga Springs High School, Eugene J. Corsale was employed by the Delaware and Hudson Railroad as a locomotive fireman and later for the Ballston Spa Railroad relocation project and the Adirondack branch of the railroad at North Creek, NY; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man served his country as a member of the United States Navy during the Korean War from 1950 to 1954; he was awarded numerous honors and citations including the Korean Service Medal with one battle star and the Combat Action Medal; in addition, he also received the New York State Senate Liberty Medal and the Medal for Merit; and

WHEREAS, Upon returning home, Eugene J. Corsale re-entered civilian life, marrying the former Barbara Holtmeyer on August 20th, 1961, at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church, Far Rockaway, NY; and

WHEREAS, Eugene J. Corsale worked 19 years for the International Paper Company and was a licensed real estate broker; he also worked for the City of Saratoga Springs Assessment Department and was Saratoga County

Director of Real Property Tax Services; and

WHEREAS, After retiring in 1995, Eugene J. Corsale continued to pursue his passion for trains and community involvement as a conductor on the Upper Hudson River Railroad Scenic Train Line, while working with numerous other rail organizations; furthermore in 2002, he began the monthly Video Train Show program held at the Saratoga Springs Public Library; and

WHEREAS, Eugene J. Corsale consistently displayed a strong commitment to civic involvement through volunteer work and memberships on numerous boards of directors for benevolent organizations; in 2003, he received the Saratoga Springs Rotary Club's "Senior Citizen of the Year," as well as the "Red Carpet Award" from the Lake George-Adirondack Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, For his work with area historical societies, Eugene J. Corsale earned the Historical Preservation Medal and the 2007 Spirit of Preservation Award from the Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation; and

WHEREAS, This proud naval veteran was extremely dedicated to veterans' causes; his work was vital in the efforts to rename Geyser Park fields as "Veterans Memorial Park" and inaugurating the annual Remembrance Day Ceremony to honor those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001; he also is responsible for the installation and dedication of the monument plaque on Railroad Place to those involved in the "Iraq-Afghanistan War and the Global War on Terrorism"; and

WHEREAS, Eugene J. Corsale was chairman of the USS Saratoga Committee for the restoration of the Saint Peter's War Memorial on Broadway, and was also the originator and co-chairman of the monthly Saratoga County Honor a Deceased Veteran program; furthermore he was project coordinator

in the restoration of the nearly two-century-old Gideon Putnam Burial Ground on the city's West Side; and

WHEREAS, A man of faith, Eugene J. Corsale was a communicant at the

Church of Saint Peter and was honored by Saint Peter's-Saratoga Springs Catholic Central High School with the Outstanding Citizen Award for dedicated service to the Saratoga Springs Community at their 2000 Hall of Fame Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his sister, Anna, and two brothers, Dennis and Francis, Eugene J. Corsale is survived by his wife of 52 years, Barbara; his brother, Joseph Jr.; two daughters, Angela (Joseph) and Anne (Gary); and his three grandchildren, Gregory, Caroline and Colin, as well as several nieces and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and remembered by a loving family Eugene J. Corsale 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 Eugene J. Corsale; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Eugene J. Corsale.