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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Stephen M. Moravick, Sr., 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, Stephen "Steve" M. Moravick, Sr. died on March 21, 2014, at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, Born on March 27, 1925, in North Salem, New York, Stephen M. Moravick, Sr. was one of 11 children; and

WHEREAS, Stephen M. Moravick, Sr.'s family moved to Lincolndale, New York, where he graduated from Somers Central School District in January of 1943; and

WHEREAS, He served his country as a member of the United States Army and served in World War II with the 329th Infantry Regiment, 83rd Thunderbolt Division; and

WHEREAS, Stephen M. Moravick, Sr. landed on Normandy Beach on D-Day plus 12; while in Northern France, Steve and his platoon destroyed a German tank and captured two German soldiers; for this act of bravery, he received the Silver Star, the third highest medal awarded for bravery in the military; and

WHEREAS, After being wounded, Stephen M. Moravick, Sr. was sent to England to recuperate and then to Belgium and was made First Sergeant of the 78th Port Company; and

WHEREAS, Upon the end of the war in the Pacific, Stephen M. Moravick, Sr. arrived home to Lincolndale, New York, on Christmas night in 1945; along with the Silver Star, he was awarded the Purple Heart with cluster, Bronze Star and 11 other medals for his outstanding service to his

country; and

WHEREAS, Stephen M. Moravick, Sr. was also honored at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.; he is a Life Member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and was honored at the National Purple Heart Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, In 1952, Stephen M. Moravick, Sr. married Rose DePaoli and they enjoyed 61 years together; and

WHEREAS, Stephen M. Moravick, Sr. distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Stephen M. Moravick, Sr. worked for the New York Telephone Company for 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Stephen M. Moravick, Sr.'s commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, An avid outdoorsman, Stephen M. Moravick, Sr. was an expert deer hunter and sharpshooter, knife maker, electrician, builder, and overall handy man; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Stephen M. Moravick, Sr. is a Life Member and was the current Sergeant of Arms of the Somers VFW Post No. 8213, and could be seen proudly selling poppies in Somerstown Center and participating in parades; and

WHEREAS, Stephen M. Moravick, Sr. is survived by his beloved wife, Rose (DePaoli); daughter, Stephanie (Bill) Carter; son, Steve (Carrie) Moravick; and daughter, Suzy Moravick; as well as three grandchildren, Nicholas (Michelette), Ryan, and Lauren Moravick; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Stephen M. Moravick, Sr. leaves a legacy of service to our

country, a strong work ethic, his love for the outdoors and an unwavering dedication to his family and his faith; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

mourn the death of Stephen M. Moravick, Sr., 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 Stephen M. Moravick, Sr.