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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Anthony Merendino, 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, Anthony Merendino, a retired New York Police Department Mounted Unit officer, businessman and member of the New York State Senate staff, passed away on Friday, February 21, 2014, at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, Born and raised in Brooklyn, Anthony Merendino later moved to Sunnyside, New York, where he raised his family; in 1999, he relocated from Staten Island to Little Egg Harbor in New Jersey and settled in Monroe Township in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Merendino served his country as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War, attaining the rank of Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Merendino owned and operated the A&A Auto School on Staten Island for more than 10 years; and

WHEREAS, For 23 years, Anthony Merendino served as an officer in the esteemed NYPD Mounted Unit; furthermore, he served for 13 years as a trusted aide and advisor to the Ranking Minority Member on the New York State Senate Finance Committee, Donald Halperin, and then went on to work in a similar capacity for former State Senator Donald Halperin during his tenure as Commissioner of the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Merendino distinguished himself in his profession through his sincere dedication and substantial contributions to the

welfare of his community and State; wherever Anthony Merendino went in his career, his colleagues relied on him for his unwavering commitment to the job at hand, loyalty and companionship; and

WHEREAS, The patriarch of a large family, Anthony Merendino was a dedicated husband and father who enjoyed swimming, listening to music, and discussing current events, world history and politics; he was known as a very charismatic man who was beloved by his family and many friends; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife of 50 years, the former Jacquelyn Walker, Anthony Merendino is survived by his five daughters, Teresa, Debra, Christi, Jodi and Lori; and his two sons, Tony and Ricci; as well as 16 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, an infectious laugh and sense of humor, Anthony Merendino 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 and celebrate the life of Anthony Merendino, 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 Anthony Merendino.