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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Francis William Sullivan, 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, Francis William Sullivan of Buffalo, New York died on Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, Born on July 31, 1923 to William and Mary (Lillis) Sullivan, Francis William Sullivan was one of nine children; he was educated by the Sisters of St. Francis at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, and attended Our Lady of Victory High School and St. Mary's Business School in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, In 1942, Francis William Sullivan joined the United States Navy, where he served for four years on an ammunition ship and an aircraft carrier in the South Pacific during the second World War; and

WHEREAS, Francis William Sullivan married his loving wife, Doris Murphy, in 1947, and together they raised seven children in South Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, Known for his hard work, great humor and generosity, Francis William Sullivan was a true family man whose commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Francis William Sullivan worked at Allied Chemical for 30 years, as well as Buffalo Raceway and Memorial Auditorium with four of his brothers for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, This exemplary man distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the

welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his sister, Catherine; and brother-in-law, Robert, Francis William Sullivan is survived by his wife of 66 years, Doris; children, Anne Marie (Joseph), Madonna (Daniel), Kathleen (Charles), Mary (Patrick), Jeanne (Michael), Michael (Barbara), and Francis Jr. (Tami); 19 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; sister, Margaret; and brothers, James, William, John, Joseph, Donald and Edward; as well as many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Francis William Sullivan 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 Francis William Sullivan, 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 Francis William Sullivan.