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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Gary M. McIlwain, 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, Gary M. McIlwain of Newark, New York died on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at the age of 61; and

WHEREAS, Born the son of Earl and Geraldine (Coffey) McIlwain on Sunday, January 11, 1953, in Endicott, New York, Gary M. McIlwain attended and graduated from Clyde-Savannah High School in 1972, and then attended Auburn Community College; and

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

WHEREAS, From 1976 until 1980, Gary M. McIlwain served with the Clyde Police Department; he then served as a Newark Police Officer, retiring from the esteemed position in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Directly after his retirement, Gary M. McIlwain joined the Wayne County Sheriff's Department; in addition, he served as Arcadia Town Supervisor for several years, and as an Animal Cruelty Officer; and

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

WHEREAS, A soft spoken man with a love for his community, Gary M. McIlwain was a member of St. Michael's Church in Newark, and a founding member of the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club, Chapter 17; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his father, Earl McIlwain, Gary M. McIlwain is

survived by his wife of 38 years, Marlene; daughters, Crystal (Peter) and Kayli (Joshua); granddaughter, Mackenzie; mother, Geraldine; sister, Kelly (Michael); brothers, Larry, Mike (Tami) and David; as well as several nieces, nephews and special friends; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Gary M. McIlwain 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 Gary M. McIlwain, 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 Gary M. McIlwain.