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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Robert C. Potter, United States Army Veteran, 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, Robert C. Potter of Lackawanna, New York died on Monday, March 17, 2014, at the age of 92; and

WHEREAS, Born on May 3, 1931, Robert C. Potter was raised in Buffalo, New York and was instilled with strong community values at an early age; and

WHEREAS, Robert C. Potter distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, A proud servant of his community and country, Robert C. Potter enlisted in the United States Army at 17 years of age; he bravely served in the Korean War and attained the rank of Sergeant First Class; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return from the Army, Robert C. Potter took his future wife, the former Rosemary Leo, on a date and so began a romantic relationship that culminated in their marriage for more than 60 years; and

WHEREAS, A loving father and husband, Robert C. Potter worked as a Diesel Mechanic at the Bethlehem Steel plant for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, Robert C. Potter's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including char-

itable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to the betterment of his community, Robert C. Potter was active in local politics, serving as a Committeeman for 22 years in the City of Lackawanna; he was also the Head Custodian at Lackawanna City Hall for 29 years; and

WHEREAS, A man of faith, Robert C. Potter was a parishioner at Our Lady of Victory Basilica, and relished time spent with family and friends; he truly delighted in gardening, hunting, fishing, and being outdoors, and is fondly remembered for taking great pleasure in vacationing at Allegany State Park with his family and golfing with his friends; and

WHEREAS, Robert C. Potter is survived by his wife, Rosemary; two daughters, Deborah Barnashuk and Cheryl Potter-Juda; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Robert C. Potter 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 Robert C. Potter, United States Army Veteran, 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 Robert C. Potter.