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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Jay William Heckman, United States Army Air Force 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, Jay William Heckman, a World War II Veteran and longtime insurance agent who was active in his community, died on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at the age of 94; and

WHEREAS, Born in Reading, Pennsylvania, Jay William Heckman moved with his family to Detroit during the Great Depression, then lived in Buffalo for more than 70 years before moving to Durham, New Hampshire, in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Jay William Heckman attended School 56 and was President of his graduating class at Lafayette High School; he was a member of Troop 11, Boy Scouts of America and Lafayette Presbyterian Church, where he served as deacon and elder; and

WHEREAS, A United States Army Air Forces Veteran of the Second World War, Jay William Heckman was a Chief Warrant Officer, serving four years in the South Pacific as an Administrative Officer and Co-Pilot in the 54th and 374th Troop Carrier Wings, transporting troops and cargo to forward operating positions; and

WHEREAS, Highly decorated for his service to his country, Jay William Heckman earned the Air Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon with seven Battle Stars and Philippine Liberation Ribbon; 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, Jay William Heckman spent the majority of his illustrious career in the insurance business, initially with Richard L. Wood & Co., then operating independently; he was instrumental in the founding of Carlton House Nursing Home in the late 1960s, and ended his career in 2010, with Realty USA; and

WHEREAS, Committed to the betterment of his community, Jay William Heckman was Director of Greater Buffalo Insurance Association, Board Chairman of the New York Heart Association and a Member of Buffalo Rotary Club for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Jay William Heckman is survived by two daughters, Nancy H. Blasberg and Pamela; a son, Jeffrey C.; a sister, Natalie Noonan; and four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Jay William Heckman's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Jay William Heckman 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 Jay William Heckman, United States Army Air Force 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 Jay William Heckman.