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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION celebrating the life of Samuel Clyde Jones, 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, Samuel Clyde Jones, a longtime resident of Antwerp, New York, died on May 2, 2014, at the age of 99; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Clyde Jones was born on January 9, 1915, and attended Murray State College, working as a high school teacher in Bandana, Kentucky, until his induction into the United States Army in May of 1941; and

WHEREAS, Stationed at Pine Camp, New York, later named Fort Drum, Samuel Jones was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1942 and sent to the Pacific theater with the 457th Field Artillery Division of the 11th Airborne where he served from May of 1943 to November of 1945; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Jones was awarded the Silver Star for bravery under fire and two Bronze Stars; he was honorably discharged from service in February 1946 as an Army Captain; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his military service, in 2011 Samuel Jones was chosen to participate in the Honor Flight as a World War II veteran; and

WHEREAS, While stationed at Pine Camp, he met his wife, Betty Gates, and they were married on October 9, 1942, in Columbus, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Following his military service, Samuel Jones enjoyed a 30 year career in public education, including his work as a teacher and a principal at Antwerp Public School, and as a math teacher at Indian River Central School; and

WHEREAS, Following his retirement from teaching, Samuel Jones worked with the United States Customs Service; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Jones was an active member of the Antwerp community throughout his life; he was a member of the First Congregational Church of Antwerp, where he also served as Deacon and as Superintendent of the Sunday School; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he served as District Grand Master of Masonic Lodge 226, and Deputy Grand Master of the Jefferson-Lewis District; he was a past president of the Rotary Club and a 50 year member of the American Legion Post 916; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Jones was also active in the Boy Scouts of America; he was a member of the Crosby Library Association, the Hillside Cemetery Association and the American Contract Bridge League; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Jones was a loving husband for 71 years and a devoted father to his three children, Betty Lou, Mary Jane and Sam, and the loving grandfather to seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Samuel Jones distinguished himself in his military service to his country, in his work as an educator, and by his sincere dedication and contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Samuel Clyde Jones 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 celebrate the life of Samuel Clyde Jones, 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 Samuel Clyde Jones.