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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Richard L. Berger, 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, Richard "Rick" L. Berger of Buffalo, New York, died on February 25, 2014, at the age of 67; and

WHEREAS, Richard L. Berger, was born on January 19, 1947, in Erie, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man graduated from Bowling Green State University and served his country honorably as a member of the United States Air Force, where he attained the high rank of captain; and

WHEREAS, After leaving the Air Force, Richard L. Berger had a long business career which took him all over the country; he worked for Coca-Cola in Dallas, Texas, and later joined JTL Corp., a Coca-Cola bottling company based in Chattanooga, Tennessee as Vice-President; and

WHEREAS, In 1983, Richard L. Berger moved to Buffalo to work for Advanced Refractory Technologies, where his hard work and determination helped him achieve great success as he climbed the corporate ladder; and

WHEREAS, Richard L. Berger next became chief executive officer of Mykro Myclex, Filawound Technologies and Spaulding Fabrication before being named President and Chief Executive Officer of the parent company, Spaulding Composites; he would serve in numerous other executive roles before returning to Western New York in 2001 to work for NanoDynamics, a leading manufacturer of nanotechnology materials and products; and

WHEREAS, Richard L. Berger's long and successful career led to him starting his own business consulting firm, InVentures Group; in addi-

tion, he worked for First Wave Technologies, before finishing his career as President of Magnetic Seal Corp. in Warren, Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Committed to the betterment of his community Rick Berger served on the boards of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, the Library Foundation and Riverkeeper; he was also involved with the Westminster Economic Development Initiative and was an elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church; and

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

WHEREAS, Rick Berger is survived by his wife, Nancy; their son, Troy; and his sister Lin Blakely; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Rick Berger 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 Richard L. Berger, 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 Richard L. Berger.