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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Paul R. English, 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, Paul R. English of Greene, New York, died in Oxford, New York, on Saturday, November 22, 2014, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Paul R. English distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Paul R. English was born in his home in Greene, New York and attended Greene Central School; upon graduation he served his country by enlisting in the United States Army; he later attended Cornell University where his love of agriculture drew him back to his homestead to begin dairy farming; and

WHEREAS, Paul R. English worked with his brother, Pete, at the Chenango Builders Association, eventually forming the English Construction Company; and

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

WHEREAS, Upon the passing of his father, William, Paul R. English filled out his position on the Greene Town Board as Town Supervisor, serving from 1959-1973 and again from 1984-1990; in 1973 he was appointed the Chenango County Highway Superintendent, a position he held for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Paul R. English was a member of the Eastern Light Masonic

Lodge and a Deacon of the Central Baptist Church; he also received the 1979 Lion of the Year Award from the Greene Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Paul R. English is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Susan; his children; Paula (Daniel) Williams, Jonathan (Kathleen) English, Karen (Thomas) Zabadal and Christopher (JoAnn) English; and 11 grandchildren, Sarah (Matt), Luke (Ashley), Paul (Lacey), Seth (Sarah), Katherine (Evan), Jessica (Parker), Jeffery, Carter, Stacia, Lorilea and Melissa; as well as seven great-grandchildren Clara, Reid, Emily, Haley, Addison, Maggie and Oliver; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Paul R. English 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 Paul R. English, 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 Paul R. English.