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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of James A. Carrigg, 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 endeavors have served to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great State of New York; and WHEREAS, It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of James A. Carrigg, of Endwell, New York, on October 11, 2014, at the age of 81; and WHEREAS, James A. Carrigg, the son of the late John and Cecile Carrigg, was a graduate of Binghamton North High School and attended Union College before serving his country as a member of the United States Army in Korea; and WHEREAS, After completing his military service, this esteemed man earned his associate's degree from Broome Community College, and began working in the energy industry as a safety cadet at New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG); and WHEREAS, During a long and distinguished career with NYSEG, James A. Carrigg rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service, attaining the high positions of Chairman, President and C.E.O; and WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, James A. Carrigg, received an honorary degree from Binghamton University in December 2012, and was also awarded the Baden-Powell Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award and the Broome Community College Alumni Distinguished Award; and WHEREAS, James A. Carrigg has been called upon to contribute his time and talents to countless civic and charitable endeavors and has always given of himself unstintingly; and

WHEREAS, A strong believer in the value of education, James A. Carrigg was a founder of the prestigious Thomas J. Watson School of Engineering and Applied Science at Binghamton University; and WHEREAS, James A. Carrigg's commitment to civic involvement was further illustrated through his involvement in numerous and professional organizations including, the Decker Foundation, Security Mutual Life, the UHS Foundation, the New York Business Development Corp., the Broome County Chamber of Commerce, and the Binghamton University Foundation; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; his determination and commitment to his work inspired all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, A loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather to his family throughout the years, James A. Carrigg was a member of the Church of the Holy Family in Endwell, and also lived in Pinehurst, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his parents, James A. Carrigg is predeceased by his loving wife of 54 years, Loretta Gentile Carrigg, as well as his brothers, Richard and Thomas; he is survived by his children, Patty and Michael Mangan and John and JoAnn Carrigg; his grandchildren, Bryan Bland, Blair and Chris Kaleta, Jackie and Alson McKenna, Matthew Carrigg and fiancee Caitlin Coffey; one great-granddaughter, Caroline McKenna; sisters-in-law, Mary and Thomas Muscatello, Nancy and Gerald Peterson, Frances Feheley, Margaret and Leo Gilroy, Virginia Hope, Phyllis and Tom Greene, Theresa and Tom Berry; as well as several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and a sense of compassion, James A. Carrigg 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 James A. Carrigg, 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 James A. Carrigg.