

## 2015-J181

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Paul J. Cavataio, 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 J. Cavataio, formerly of Candor, New York, died on Friday, December 19, 2014, at the age of 98; and

WHEREAS, Born May 28, 1916, in Auburn, New York to Giovanni and Scholastica Cavataio, Paul J. Cavataio honorably served in the United States Army during the Second World War; he earned five Bronze Stars, the Bronze Star Medal and a Purple Heart; and

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

WHEREAS, A true family man and well respected businessman, Paul J. Cavataio, along with his brother, Jim, owned and operated The Farm Equipment Store in Candor, New York for 35 years; and

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

WHEREAS, With a steadfast commitment to the community he so ably served, Paul J. Cavataio supported many local organizations, and served as a member of the Board of Directors at Tioga State Bank; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife of 39 years, Cleo; four brothers, James, Samuel, Thomas and John; and a sister, Pauline, Paul J. Cavataio is survived by his children, J. Paul (Carol) and S. Christine (Jack)

Glassman; granddaughter, Melissa (Tyler) Boland; great-grandson, Giovan-

ni; sister, Neva; as well as several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Paul J. Cavataio 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 J. Cavataio, 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 J. Cavataio.