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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION celebrating the life and accomplishments of The Honorable Andrew S. Fusco, longtime attorney and former City Court Judge

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to publicly mourn the death of those distinguished citizens who would devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Judge Andrew S. Fusco of Auburn, New York, died on Thursday, March 19, 2015, at the age of 62; and

WHEREAS, A native of Johnstown, New York, he was the son of Andrew F. and Anne Sedal Fusco; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Johnstown High School, Andrew S. Fusco went on to further his education, graduating from Hobart College in 1974, and Albany Law School in 1978; one year later, he was hired as counsel for the Drivers Independent Race Tracks for Central New York; and

WHEREAS, In that same year, Andrew S. Fusco married his wife, Andrea, on April 21st, and was employed as a reporter for the GLOVERSVILLE-JOHNSTOWN LEADER-HERALD; in this capacity, he covered criminal trials, fueling his passion for law; and

WHEREAS, An astute attorney with a deep understanding of zoning and planning laws, Andrew S. Fusco counseled the City of Auburn in several of these instances of litigation; in 1984, he was elected as Assistant District Attorney for Cayuga County; four years later, he assumed the position of Auburn City Court Judge, a title he held for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, This versatile Judge, Andrew S. Fusco was well-known for his ability to handle complex cases in both local and appellate courts; and

WHEREAS, Andrew S. Fusco served as Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Auburn as well as legal counsel for several local municipi-

palities while maintaining a private law practice at 52 South Street, Auburn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Andrew S. Fusco distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, An avid skier, Andrew S. Fusco tackled almost every hill in New York State; he was also passionate about fishing and was a model train enthusiast, going as far as to recreate his hometown in the basement of his home; and

WHEREAS, Among his many hobbies, Andrew S. Fusco was not only a devoted fan of baseball, but a historian of the sport; he also collected and restored old cars, and enjoyed all forms of motorsports; he remained a presence as both counselor and board member for the DIRT Motorsports Hall of Fame & Classic Car Museum in Weedsport, New York, for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, A gifted writer, his love of auto racing inspired him to write three books on the subject; he also contributed to other books, including several on baseball, motorsports and railroads; and

WHEREAS, Above all else, Andrew S. Fusco was a loving husband to his wife, Andrea, a teacher of journalism, and a devoted father to his two children, Jennifer Fusco, a journalist, and Adam Fusco, an attorney who followed in his father's footsteps; and

WHEREAS, In addition to Andrea, Jennifer, and Adam, Andrew S. Fusco is survived by his brother-in-law, Richard Franklin, as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Andrew S. Fusco 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 in a moment of silent tribute to Andrew S. Fusco, whose unselfish concern for

the welfare of others enhanced the lives of those so fortunate to have called him family, colleague and friend, and to express its deepest condolences to his family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Andrew S. Fusco.