

## 2015-J1256

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Benjamin E. Bardin, 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, Benjamin E. Bardin of Queensbury, New York died on March 8, 2015, at the age of 92; and

WHEREAS, Born on September 8, 1922, in Kingsbury, New York, to the late Erwin and Edith Bardin, Benjamin E. Bardin graduated from Hudson Falls High School in 1941; he was born into a farming family which contributed to his core values and willingness to work; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin E. Bardin served his country proudly as a member of the United States Navy, and was honorably discharged after four years; and

WHEREAS, On May 1, 1944, Benjamin E. Bardin married Marjorie Goodman in Fort Ann, New York; and

WHEREAS, After leaving the family farm, Benjamin E. Bardin went on to work for Ingram's General Store at Oneida Corners; in 1958, he and his wife bought the store, renaming it Bardin's General Store, and successfully ran the business for the next 29 years; and

WHEREAS, Upon his retirement, Benjamin E. Bardin enjoyed gardening at the new home he built, golfing, and dinner with close friends on Friday nights; he also enjoyed traveling, especially his time spent at Indian Rocks Beach, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin E. Bardin's sincere dedication to his community was apparent throughout his life; he was the founder and first chief of the Bay Ridge Volunteer Fire Company, and later he would serve as its presi-

dent and director; in January of 2014, Benjamin E. Bardin was honored for his 65 years of distinguished service to the Bay Ridge Volunteer Fire Company at its Annual Banquet; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin E. Bardin was the founding member of the Warren County Fire Chiefs and Officers Association, and was instrumental in starting the Bay Ridge Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Benjamin E. Bardin was a charter member of the Queensbury Kiwanis, and was active in their Annual Christmas Tree Sale and Pancake Breakfast; he was also a member of the Mohican Grange Hall, American Legion, and the Order of Free and Accepted Masons; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Benjamin E. Bardin was recognized for 50 years of dedicated service by the Mount Hope Lodge in Fort Ann, New York; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable man was a faithful member of Harrisena Community Church for many years; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin E. Bardin distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

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

WHEREAS, In addition to his parents, Benjamin E. Bardin was predeceased by two brothers, Herbert and Erwin; he is survived by his wife of 70 years, Marjorie, and their daughter, Susan (Charles); one granddaughter, Lynn; two great-grandchildren, Lara and Blake; two sisters, Betty (Lee), and Esther; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Benjamin E. Bardin 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 Benjamin E. Bardin, 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 Benjamin E. Bardin.