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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Jack Friedman, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to mourn the death of certain prominent individuals whose valued contributions to their community, their profession, and their heritage served to enhance the quality of life in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Jack Friedman of Queens, New York died on April 9, 2015, at the age of 55; and

WHEREAS, Affectionately known as Mr. Queens, Jack Friedman served as Executive Director of the Queens Chamber of Commerce; an advocate for the economic development of Queens County, he was known as a genial operator whose reach extended into politics, education, and business; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduating from Queens College in 1981, Jack Friedman owned and operated a photo printing business; he went on to become president of School Board 26, and chair of the Queens Community Board 13 Economic Development Committee; and

WHEREAS, Seven years ago, Jack Friedman joined the Queens Chamber of Commerce following his stint as a Chief of Staff in the mid-2000s; and

WHEREAS, A former board member of SNAP, Jack Friedman worked diligently to facilitate better conditions for residential communities in Queens including major development projects such as Resorts World, and improving the Jamaica business community; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Queens, Jack Friedman had an intimate knowledge and history, combined with his experience as a small business owner, which allowed him to be instrumental in helping countless entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, A beloved staple of the Queens business and civic community,

Jack Friedman was fiercely dedicated to making Queens a key center of economic opportunity and prosperity, which guided his leadership and activism throughout the community for many years; and

WHEREAS, Jack Friedman was sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom he worked; committed to his community, the people he represented, his State, and his Nation, he served his public with dignity, dedication and incisive wisdom; and

WHEREAS, Over a long and meritorious life of service on behalf of others, Jack Friedman was a man of action, of integrity, and of commitment, whose true compassion was generously given to all who knew him; and

WHEREAS, Jack Friedman is survived by his wife, Lorie, and their two children, Cara and Daniel, all of whom feel privileged to have been a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Jack Friedman 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 Jack Friedman, 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 Jack Friedman.