

2015-K573

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of former New York State lieutenant governor Alfred DelBello, renowned public servant, distinguished citizen, and devoted member of his community

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

WHEREAS, Alfred DelBello, who rose from the Yonkers City Council to become the city's Mayor, Westchester's first Democratic County Executive and New York's Lieutenant Governor, died on Friday, May 15, 2015, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, Born on November 3, 1934 in Yonkers, Alfred DelBello graduated from Halsted School and, in 1956, from Manhattan College, with majors in economics and political science; he received his law degree from Fordham University Law School and entered private practice after a brief tour with the National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Mayor of Yonkers in the early 1970s, Alfred DelBello was elected three times as County Executive before becoming Lieutenant Governor in 1982; he resigned from that post in 1985 to practice law in the private sector, becoming a partner in the law firm DelBello Donnellan Weingarten Wise & Wiederkehr LLP in White Plains; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his long and storied careers in both the public and private sectors, Alfred DelBello demonstrated an enduring commitment to bettering the lives of others; this state is truly in a better place today because of his service; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Alfred DelBello, who was well respected by all parties, established a countywide bus system and the Westchester County Medical Center replaced the old Grasslands Hospital; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he negotiated a contract with Signal Environmental Systems to build a garbage-to-energy plant in Peekskill, and several secondary treatment plants; and

WHEREAS, Alfred DelBello also worked with minority representatives for increased social and health-related services; he dealt with such policy areas as combatting youth suicide and he created the first Office for the Disabled as well as the first Office for Women in the state; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, during this time, Alfred DelBello was instrumental in building the county's only boat launching ramp on Long Island Sound at Glen Island Park and bicycle paths were constructed along the Bronx River Parkway; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Lewisboro, Alfred DelBello 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, Alfred DelBello is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Dee; their son, Damon; three grandchildren; and a sister, Ann; and

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

WHEREAS, Alfred DelBello leaves behind a tremendous 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 former New York State lieutenant governor Alfred DelBello, renowned public servant, 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 Alfred DelBello.