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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of George A. Park, Jr., 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, George A. Park, Jr. of Canandaigua, New York, died on Monday, March 2, 2015 at the age of 69; and

WHEREAS, Born on June 15, 1945, to George A. Park and Ruth (Carey) Park, George A. Park, Jr. graduated from Canandaigua Academy in 1963; he went on to earn a degree from the University of Rochester in 1967, during which time he was a member of the Navy ROTC program, Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, and captain of the University's basketball team; and

WHEREAS, George A. Park, Jr. distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; he began his illustrious career with the Gannett Company and was Assistant Publisher of the DAILY MESSENGER from 1980 to 1988; and

WHEREAS, After serving as Publisher of the FINGER LAKES TIMES from 1988 to 1998, George A. Park, Jr. concluded his career as a Director for the New York State Workers' Compensation Board, retiring in 2007; and

WHEREAS, George A. Park, Jr.'s commitment to excellence and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished athlete throughout his life, George A. Park, Jr. bowled several 300 games and 800 series, and was inducted into the Canandaigua Bowling Association Hall of Fame; he excelled at and loved the game of golf and was a member of Canandaigua, Geneva, Clifton

Springs and CentrePoint Country Clubs; and

WHEREAS, Active within his community, George A. Park, Jr. was a member of St. Mary's Church, Knights of Columbus, Elks Club and Rotary Club; he was past president of the Canandaigua Chamber of Commerce and a board member for the CATHOLIC COURIER NEWSPAPER and the Granger Homestead; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed man served as Alderman-At-Large for the City of Canandaigua from 1976 to 1979; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his precious daughter, Licia, George A. Park, Jr. is survived by his high school sweetheart and beloved wife, Rosemary; three children, Robert (Gloribel), Michael (Laurie) and Linda (Efrain); seven grandchildren, Victoria, Robert, Christopher, Kathleen, Annabelle, Cruz and Olivia; brother, James (Carolyn); and many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion and comforted by a loving family, George A. Park, Jr. 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 George A. Park, Jr., 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 George A. Park, Jr.