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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Walter Leon Clark, family man, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor the memory of cherished citizens of the State of New York whose talent, wit, charm, intellect and unique personality permeated all they did; and

WHEREAS, Walter Leon Clark of Brooklyn, New York, died on Saturday, March 12, 2016, at the age of 53; and

WHEREAS, Walter Leon Clark, affectionately known as Froshenburg, was the fourth child born to Leon and Gladys Neville Clark on January 6, 1963, in Brooklyn, New York; and

WHEREAS, Educated in the New York City School system, Walter Leon Clark was well-known by his classmates, teachers and neighbors for his creativity and fun-loving spirit; and

WHEREAS, Walter Leon Clark distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, For six years, Walter Leon Clark proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army; in 1990, he was discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, After his discharge, Walter Leon Clark was employed in numerous positions; he took great pride in his work and was always committed to doing a great job; and

WHEREAS, Passionate about the arts, Walter Leon Clark designed t-shirts for his sister's business, and decorated his home's walls with his incredible artwork; as a young man, he acted in several roles in Off-Broadway productions; and

WHEREAS, Well-liked by many for his kind heart and outgoing personality, Walter Leon Clark will be remembered for his amazing gift for

story-telling, his ingenious practical jokes and for his unwavering love for his family; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his father, Leon, Walter Leon Clark is survived by his beloved mother, Gladys (Edward); his four devoted sisters, Joyce (Kevin), Glinda, Gloria and Evelyn; and his treasured nieces and nephews, Naomi, Whitney, Jordan and Matthew; as well as numerous family and friends that will miss him dearly; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Walter Leon Clark 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 Walter Leon Clark, family man, 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 Walter Leon Clark.