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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Gene C. Terry 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, Gene C. Terry of Whitehall, New York, died on Monday, May 9, 2016, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, Born June 10, 1935, to the late Ken and Vera (Scism) Terry in Whitehall, New York, Gene C. Terry was a 1954 graduate of Whitehall High School, where he played on its undefeated football team from 1951 to 1953; and

WHEREAS, Upon his graduation from high school, Gene C. Terry went to work for 16 years at the Northern Indiana Brass Company (Nibco) in South Glens Falls; he went on to an illustrious three decade career with the Department of Corrections, along with working for the Village of Whitehall as a chlorine plant operator; he retired from both in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Gene C. Terry distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as a correction officer, Gene C. Terry had an outside inmate work crew and performed community service in various communities and villages; a skilled carpenter and stonemason, he taught many inmates the trade by working with them; and

WHEREAS, Amongst numerous masonry achievements, Gene C. Terry refaced the stone library in Fort Ann, and constructed the field stone monument which continues to stand outside the entrance to Great Meadow Correctional Facility; and

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

WHEREAS, A steadfast advocate for local youth and sportsman rights, Gene C. Terry was the sportsman representative on the Lake Champlain Advisory Committee for 15 years; he also served as president of the Adirondack Conservation Council, president of sportsman clubs, and as president of the Whitehall Fish and Game Club for 20 years; and

WHEREAS, In addition, he was a member of the Whitehall Elks Lodge No.1491, the Skenesborough Skeet Club, and for many years, wrote a weekly column in the WHITEHALL TIMES, "Outdoors in Whitehall"; and

WHEREAS, For two decades, Gene C. Terry taught the youth of Whitehall to shoot safely under the then DCM, known today as the Department of Civilian Marksmanship, at the senior rifle range on lower Main Street; and

WHEREAS, With a true passion for woodworking, Gene C. Terry made more than 5,000 bluebird houses which were donated to senior citizens at the Washington County Fair; and

WHEREAS, A gentle man with a big heart, Gene C. Terry loved the great outdoors and spending time with his family at their hunting camp on the mountain in South Bay; one of his greatest pleasures was sharing hunting stories over coffee with his friends; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, Ken and Vera; his first wife of 35 years, Jean; his brother, Russell; his sister, Rita and her husband, Bill; his son-in-law, Tom; and his grandson, Scott, Gene C. Terry is survived by his present wife of 23 years, Dixie; his children, Debbie (Butch), Pete (Betty), Polly (Ron) and Penny (John); his grandchildren, Joe (Tabitha) and children, Jacob and Alanna, Paul (Jess) and son,

Logan, Jennifer (John) and sons, Johnny and Liam, Tim (Samantha) and daughter, Ruby, Terri (Scott) and children, Dylan and Sabrina, Thomas (Sarah) and children, Carson, Ryder and Josie; his wife's children,

Tammie (Terry) and daughters, Megan and Brooke, and her son and his daughter, Chiara Leigh; his sisters-in-law, Fay and Shirley Ann; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Gene C. Terry 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 Gene C. Terry 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 Gene C. Terry.