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Senate Resolution No. 2172

BY: Senator SAVINO

MOURNING the death of Michael H. DerArakelian,  
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, Michael H. DerArakelian of Troy, New York, died on  
Saturday, December 10, 2016, at the age of 72; and

WHEREAS, Born in Troy, New York, to Michael and Maude LaMont  
DerArakelian, Michael H. DerArakelian was the owner and operator of  
Michael's Floor Covering; he was a true craftsman in his profession and  
was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed man distinguished himself in his profession  
and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the  
welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Michael H. DerArakelian proudly served his country as a  
member of the United States Army Reserves, and was a lifetime member of  
the Italian Community Center in Troy; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his brother, Harry, and sisters Grace, Alice and Lucy, Michael H. DerArkelian is survived by his wife of 45 years, Yolanda; three children, Michael III (Lisa), Richard and Farah (Paul); four grandchildren, Ashley, Emily (Jason), Amelia and Molly; a great-grandson, Travis; his siblings, Mildred and Erma; as well as many nieces, nephews and friends; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Michael H. DerArkelian 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 Michael H. DerArakelian, 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 Michael H. DerArakelian.