

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Emanuel Axelrod, 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, Emanuel "Manny" Axelrod, of Newburgh, New York, a man full of passion, integrity, courage, and pride in his family, died on March 21, 2013; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary gentleman, who was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1938, lived in Newburgh for 34 years where he served as Orange County, New York District Superintendent of Schools and Executive Officer of B.O.C.E.S. for 19 years; and

WHEREAS, Emanuel Axelrod distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Emanuel Axelrod was an educational leader who worked tirelessly for the children and adults of Orange County; he significantly enhanced programs for children with special needs and for those in occupational education, as well as spearheaded the drive to build world class facilities on the B.O.C.E.S. campus in Goshen, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Emanuel Axelrod pioneered a program for pregnant and parenting teens, inmate education programs in the county jail, and a self-funded insurance plan for all school districts in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, After retiring from public education, Emanuel Axelrod became a consultant with Arthur Anderson, where he specialized in reengineering troubled school districts; and

WHEREAS, Emanuel Axelrod's commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Emanuel Axelrod served as a board member for Hospice of Orange County, Occupations Inc., St. Luke's Hospital, and the United Way; and

WHEREAS, An avid golfer, Emanuel Axelrod was a member of the Powelton Club in Newburgh, New York; and

WHEREAS, As significant as his professional achievements were, Emanuel Axelrod regarded his family as his greatest legacy; he instilled in them his values of family, education, and service; and

WHEREAS, Emanuel Axelrod is survived by his wife of 53 years, Elaine; and three daughters, Sheryl (Zanne), Ellyn (Pat), and Sue (Ed); as well as four grandchildren, Matthew (Casey), Jessie, Lizzy, and Johnny; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Emanuel Axelrod 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 Emanuel Axelrod, 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 Emanuel Axelrod.