

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Leonard Szymanski, former Mayor of Sloan, New York

WHEREAS, It is with great sorrow and deep regret that this Legislative Body records the passing of Leonard Szymanski, noting the significance of his purposeful life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Former Mayor Leonard Szymanski died on Monday, May 27, 2013, at the age of 78; he was a sheet metal worker and also worked for the Niagara Frontier Transit Authority; he was heavily involved in volunteer and public service projects; and

WHEREAS, In the 1970s, Leonard Szymanski founded Cheektowaga Airlines Football, a league that blossomed into a large organization; he was the director of Cheektowaga Southside Little League and coached many teams, including an all-star squad that was one game from winning the state championship; he also coached Depew Legion baseball; and

WHEREAS, After he retired, Leonard Szymanski stayed active in the Sloan community; he was elected to serve on the Sloan Village Board and was a member for eight years before becoming mayor and was also village recreation director; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, Leonard Szymanski was elected mayor, a position he held until his resignation in the summer of 2012; during his time on the Village Board, he obtained many grants for the village and was able to improve a number of public services; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Szymanski rebuilt Wrazen Park and started the concert series in the Sloan parks; he also helped the Sloan Fire Department make improvements to the station and secure a new truck and uniforms; and

WHEREAS, A fourth-degree Knight of Columbus, Leonard Szymanski was a man of the people who had an open-door policy as mayor and would patiently listen to anyone in need; he was active at St. Andrew's Church in Sloan, serving as social chairman of the church's Holy Name Society and was an usher; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Szymanski is survived by his wife, Frances, their three sons, Mark, Brian and David, and their six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, Leonard Szymanski 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 Leonard Szymanski, former Mayor of Sloan, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Leonard Szymanski.