

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Michael A. Najarian, 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 A. Najarian of Binghamton, New York, died on May 19, 2013, at the age of 66; and

WHEREAS, Michael A. Najarian distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, A consummate leader, Michael A. Najarian was a dedicated firefighter, serving the Endicott Fire Department for over 36 years, retiring with the esteemed rank of Captain, truly valuing every day of his service; and

WHEREAS, Retiring from the fire department, Michael A. Najarian became the Superintendent of the Binghamton State Office Building in 2007, and fostered a successful work environment that led to many improvements to the building, including the cooling water systems and the air conditioning chiller; and

WHEREAS, Michael A. Najarian demonstrated a shrewd and attentive work ethic that bridged the gap between Albany and contractors, and insured that these improvements were done efficiently and often at great savings to New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attentive not only to improving the conditions of the Binghamton State Office Building's systems, Michael A. Najarian built a strong team and work environment through his "Open Door Policy" and his personal character qualities of always being approachable and supportive of employee ideas to overcome problems endeared him to those he worked with; and

WHEREAS, During the Flood of 2011, Michael A. Najarian spent three days in the Binghamton State Office Building making arrangements to remove flood water, and personally cleaning, and removing damaged contents alongside the other employees so that the building could recover and reopen as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, As Democratic Chairman of Broome County, his fervor for politics was evident and appreciated by those he served, a passion only superseded by his enthusiasm for golf; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his mother, Roberta Najarian, Michael A. Najarian is survived by his father, Michael Najarian; son, Michael P.; daughter, Cindy; sister, Bobbie (Bill) Burns; uncle, Walter Youlls; niece, Marisa (Joel) Mane; great-niece, Kazmira; and two grandchildren, Mariah and Josh Najarian; as well as beloved friends, Barbara Nojaim, the Nojaim family, Marty and Jacki Gerchman; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Michael A. Najarian 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 A. Najarian, 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 A. Najarian.