LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Edward Mark Boudreau, 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, Edward Mark Boudreau of Waterloo, New York, died on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, Born in Hyde Park, New York, on April 3, 1927, Edward Mark Boudreau graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1944 and embarked on a life which was marked by public service to his country and community; and

WHEREAS, Edward Mark Boudreau honorably served his country as a member of the United States Navy during the Second World War and was a decorated veteran of the war against the imperial forces of Japan in the Pacific Theater; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of his military service, Edward Mark Boudreau graduated from Oswego State College in 1951, during which time he lettered in basketball all four years; while student teaching in the Waterloo School District, he was offered and accepted a permanent position as a social studies teacher and coach in the district; and

WHEREAS, Edward Mark Boudreau distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, A steadfast supporter of all types of athletics, Edward Mark Boudreau was instrumental in the establishment of the Waterloo Varsity Club in 1954, helping to create the Waterloo Sports Hall of Fame, and serving as a Section V Football official for many years; he was inducted into the Waterloo Sports Hall of Fame in 1996; and

WHEREAS, After earning his Certification in Administration, Edward Mark Boudreau became the guidance counselor at the Waterloo Junior High School in 1964; just one year later he became the Junior High Principal and served in that capacity until 1984, at which time he became the Principal of Waterloo High School, the esteemed position he held until his retirement in 1989; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure in the Waterloo School District, Edward Mark Boudreau encouraged and promoted several programs including enrichment, foreign languages, reading and community involvement in the curriculum; and

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

WHEREAS, Active within the community, Edward Mark Boudreau served on several boards of directors and committees including: President of the Waterloo Rotary Club, Seneca County Red Cross, Seneca County United Way, Section V High School Athletics, Waterloo Little League, Geneva American Legion and Goulds Pumps Scholarship Committee; and

WHEREAS, Edward Mark Boudreau served for 12 years on the Seneca County Board of Supervisors where he was elected to six terms as the Town of Waterloo Supervisor, during which time he also chaired or served on various committees including the County Personnel Committee, the Committee on Veteran Affairs and the Seneca County Soil and Water Conservation Committee; and

WHEREAS, A member of Seneca Falls Country Club for more than 40 years, Edward Mark Boudreau cherished the time he spent there with his friends and family; he was also a devoted member and communicant of Saint Mary's Church in Waterloo for over six decades; and

WHEREAS, Edward Mark Boudreau loved spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; he traveled far and wide to watch them participate in sporting events and cultural activities and truly adored them; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his parents, Mark and Alma, his son, Mark and his sister, Annie Lou, Edward Mark Boudreau is survived by his devoted wife of 62 years, Cecelia; his sister, Irene; two daughters, Deborah (Louis) and Joan; one son, Edward (Jill); a daughter-in-law, Vicky; 10 grandchildren, Louis (Lindsay), Lisa (Patrick), Laura (Zack), Sean, Julia, Elizabeth (Mike), Jessica (Patrick), Taylor, Jacqueline and Emily; and seven great-grandchildren, Miabella, Alessandra, Louis III, Lucas, Miles, Tate and Luciana; as well as several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, Edward Mark Boudreau 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 Edward Mark Boudreau, 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 Edward Mark Boudreau.