LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Roy "Jake" E. Herrmann, Jr., 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, Roy E. Herrmann, Jr. of Ontario, New York, died on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, at the age of 93; and

WHEREAS, Born on November 30, 1921 to the late Roy and Lucille Herrmann, Roy "Jake" E. Herrmann, Jr., affectionately known as "Jake", attended Cornell University and obtained his master's degree from Penn State University before valiantly serving in the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, "Jake" Herrmann, Jr. distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; he was the proud owner of Herrmann's Agway in Ontario, New York for 37 years; and

WHEREAS, A tireless community servant who deeply cared for the people of Ontario, "Jake" Herrmann, Jr. was a member and leader of the Ontario American Legion Post No. 428 and an active Rotarian for many years; he was also a member of the Ontario Town Board for decades, and served in the capacity of both Councilman and Town Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed man was the recipient of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, "Jake" Herrmann, Jr. was drawn to theater; he acted and directed musicals and shows for the Webster Theater Guild and other local community theatre groups; he also enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, gardening and his vast stamp collection; and

WHEREAS, "Jake" Herrmann, Jr.'s commitment to excellence, and his spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his first wife, Jody, brother, Dwayne, and stepmother, Runette, Roy E. Herrmann, Jr. is survived by his wife, Mary Catherine "Kay"; sons, Mark (Donna), Peter, and Edward (Hannah); daughters, Carol (Odis) and Lori; sister, Sallie (Ron); brother, Gary; 15 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and a large extended family; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit, imbued with a sense of compassion, and comforted by a loving family, "Jake" Herrmann, Jr. 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 Roy "Jake" E. Herrmann, Jr., 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 Roy "Jake" E. Herrmann, Jr.