

BY: Senator HARCKHAM

MOURNING the death of Wayne L. Beals, meritorious veteran, 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, Wayne L. Beals of New City, New York died on Sunday, December 19, 2021, at the age of 96; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Leslie Beals was born to Paul Leslie and Tacy Marie Beals on December 27, 1924, in Curtis, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Mooreland High School, Wayne L. Beals proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army Air Corps; upon the completion of his military service, he enrolled at the University of Oklahoma at Norman courtesy of the GI Bill, where he obtained his law degree; and

WHEREAS, Wayne L. Beals was then accepted into the Federal Bureau of Investigation as a Special Agent; after a transfer to New York City, he met the love of his life, the former Peggy Harrigan, who was working in the same office as a clerk; and

WHEREAS, Wayne L. Beals and Peggy were married at St Benedict's HRC Church in the Bronx on January 28, 1958, and lived in Flushing, Queens for two years until they moved to New City, where the couple happily raised their six children; and

WHEREAS, Active members of their community, Wayne L. Beals and his wife were longtime parishioners of St. Augustine's Parish and sang in the choir for many years; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by his wife of 40 years, Peggy, and his sister, Hazel Louise Davis; Wayne L. Beals is survived by one sister, Alice L. Durall; four daughters, Allison (Deacon) McCormack, Barbara (Bill) Young, Stephanie Beals, and Stasia (Mike) Tully; two sons, Paul (Karen), and Richard (Amy); eight grandchildren, Kelly, Daniel, Erin, Kristin, Heather, Brenna, Kyle and Patrick, and one great-grandson Enso; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Wayne L. Beals 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 Wayne L. Beals, meritorious veteran, 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 Wayne L. Beals.