

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of The Honorable Angelo John Ingrassia, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, The State of New York is deeply saddened by the loss of its esteemed residents and distinguished public servants; and

WHEREAS, Born in Brooklyn, New York on March 23, 1923, to the late Frank and Adrianna Desiderio Ingrassia, Judge Angelo Ingrassia died on Thursday, March 21, 2013, at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, Angelo Ingrassia attended St. Joseph's School in Middletown before graduating from Middletown High School in 1939 where he played football and became a lifelong "Middie"; he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in metallurgical engineering from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute; and

WHEREAS, Angelo Ingrassia then entered military service with the United States Army in 1943 and obtained the rank of First Lieutenant; a veteran of World War II, he served as a tank unit commander leading a platoon with the 8th Armored Division in the European Theater of Operations; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Ingrassia and his division actively participated in major campaigns, including Central Europe, Rhineland and Ardennes; they also participated in the liberation of slave labor camps established under the Nazi regime; and

WHEREAS, After World War II, with the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany in May of 1945, Lieutenant Ingrassia served as an economics officer with the Office of Military Government for Bavaria, serving in that capacity until he was honorably discharged in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Upon his return home, Angelo Ingrassia entered Albany Law School at Union University where he graduated with an L.L.B. in 1949; he was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1950 and became associated with the Middletown law firm of Bull Morreale & Ingrassia; and

WHEREAS, In 1952, Angelo Ingrassia became an assistant district attorney in Orange County, and rose to the rank of chief assistant district attorney from 1957-1966; he worked beside his best friend and mentor, the late Justice Abraham Isseks; and

WHEREAS, In 1967, Angelo Ingrassia was elected district attorney of Orange County; he served as president of the New York State District Attorneys Association in 1968 and later as a director of the National District Attorneys Association from 1968-1970; and

WHEREAS, In 1971, Angelo Ingrassia was appointed County Court Judge by the late Nelson D. Rockefeller; he won an election to a full 10-year term later that year; he served as an Orange County Court Judge until 1982 when he won a seat as a Supreme Court Justice of the 9th Judicial District (Orange, Rockland, Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester Counties; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Judge Angelo Ingrassia was appointed Chief Administrative Judge of the 9th Judicial District where he oversaw the daily operations of all Supreme, County, Family and City Courts in the 9th Judicial District; he remained in that post until 1999, and was also appointed Associate Justice of the New York State Supreme Court Appellate Term for the 9th and 10th Judicial Districts serving in that capacity from 1988-1999; and

WHEREAS, Retiring from the bench in December of 1999 due to his having reached the mandatory retirement age, Judge Angelo Ingrassia practiced law from 2000 up until the time of his death with the law firm of Larkin, Axelrod, Ingrassia and Tetenbaum, LLP where he served as "of counsel" and where he enjoyed working with his son, John; and

WHEREAS, Judge Angelo Ingrassia served as a Special Master to the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York on various occasions from

2001-2006; he was a member of the Howells Fire Department and the Middletown Elks Club Lodge 1097 where he was Past Exalted Ruler; in addition, he was a life-long member of the American Legion Post 151 and a member of the Orange County Golf Club for more than 60 years; and

WHEREAS, Judge Angelo Ingrassia is survived by his wife, Judith, their children, Maria, Frank, Anthony (Shanon), and John (Annette), and their grandchildren, Allison, Sara, Shelby, and Chloe, as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Angelo John Ingrassia 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 The Honorable Angelo John Ingrassia, 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 The Honorable Angelo John Ingrassia.