

**BY:** Senator SAVINO

**MOURNING** the death of Michael H. DerArakelian,  
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 H. DerArakelian of Troy, New York, died on  
Saturday, December 10, 2016, at the age of 72; and

**WHEREAS,** Born in Troy, New York, to Michael and Maude LaMont  
DerArakelian, Michael H. DerArakelian was the owner and operator of  
Michael's Floor Covering; he was a true craftsman in his profession and  
was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need; and

**WHEREAS,** This esteemed man distinguished himself in his profession  
and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the  
welfare of his community; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael H. DerArakelian proudly served his country as a  
member of the United States Army Reserves, and was a lifetime member of  
the Italian Community Center in Troy; and

**WHEREAS,** Predeceased by his brother, Harry, and sisters Grace, Alice  
and Lucy, Michael H. DerArkelian is survived by his wife of 45 years,  
Yolanda; three children, Michael III (Lisa), Richard and Farah (Paul);  
four grandchildren, Ashley, Emily (Jason), Amelia and Molly; a  
great-grandson, Travis; his siblings, Mildred and Erma; as well as many  
nieces, nephews and friends; and

**WHEREAS,** Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of  
compassion, Michael H. DerArkelian 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 H. DerArakelian, 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 H. DerArakelian.