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MOURNING the death of Gaetano Thomas Varbero, 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, Gaetano Thomas Varbero of Harrison, New York, died on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at the remarkable age of 104; and

WHEREAS, Gaetano Thomas Varbero distinguished himself in his profession and by his sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of his community; and

WHEREAS, Born on January 26, 1921, in Harrison, New York to Antonio and Sara (Cote) Varbero, Gaetano Thomas Varbero lived a life full of adventure and purpose; and

WHEREAS, Gaetano Thomas Varbero proudly served in the military during World War II and earned the rank of Staff Sergeant, a testament to his courage and dedication to his country; and

WHEREAS, In 1945, Gaetano Thomas Varbero married the love of his life, Bambina (Bobby) Paterno; together they built a beautiful family, welcoming their two cherished children, Thomas and Linda; and

WHEREAS, Gaetano Thomas Varbero was a skilled carpenter by trade; he and his wife, Bobby, owned and operated two luncheonettes in White Plains and Mamaroneck, New York where they utilized their shared passion for food and cooking to earn a living; and

WHEREAS, An avid outdoorsman, Gaetano Thomas Varbero was an accomplished hunter and fisherman and embarked on many memorable trips across the United States and into Canada, including Alaska and Newfoundland, where he took his sense of adventure to the highest levels while making lifelong friends along the way; he made this courageous pilgrimage an amazing seven times with his beloved life partner, Bobby; and

WHEREAS, In his leisure, Gaetano Thomas Varbero cherished visiting his hunting cabin in the Catskill Mountains; there, he created lasting memories with his family and friends, sharing his passion for hunting, adventure, and overall camaraderie amongst those in his presence; and

WHEREAS, Gaetano Thomas Varbero's commitment to excellence and his spirit of humanity carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Gaetano Thomas Varbero is survived by his son, Thomas (Connie); grandchildren, Thomas (Alexis), Patrick (Torri), Marlene, Cheryl (Ted), and Lindsey (John); and 14 great-grandchildren who will carry on his legacy of love and adventure; and

WHEREAS, Gaetano Thomas Varbero is predeceased by his beloved wife of 64 years, Bambina; his daughter, Linda; his siblings, Santana, Anthony (Roy), and Josephine (Honey); and his great-grandson, Derek Rodriguez; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Gaetano Thomas Varbero 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 Gaetano Thomas Varbero, 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 Gaetano Thomas Varbero.