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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION mourning the death of Mary Ann Vasile Piscioti, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her 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, Mary Ann Vasile Piscioti, of Auburn, New York, died on Friday, July 20, 2012, at the age of 92; and

WHEREAS, A life resident of Auburn, Mary Ann Vasile Piscioti was a graduate of Auburn High School, Class of 1939, and the Auburn Business School; and

WHEREAS, She was a communicant of St. Mary's Church where she was a member of the Rosary and Scapular Society and volunteered her services in every capacity imaginable for the parish; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Vasile Piscioti distinguished herself in her profession and by her sincere dedication and substantial contribution to the welfare of her community; and

WHEREAS, When her first husband, Sam Vasile, the owner of Finger Lakes Bottling, died at the age of 61, Mary Ann Vasile Piscioti took the reins of the company and grew it into not only a leading Auburn business, but an organization to help support the many causes that she was known for; and

WHEREAS, As a business woman in a world where it was the norm for men to be the head of companies, Mary Ann Vasile Piscioti made an extra effort to not only be a role model to women in business, but also a mentor; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable woman's commitment to excellence, and her spirit of humanity, carried over into all fields of enterprise, including charitable and civic endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Vasile Piscioti was a past national and state president of the Italian-American War Veterans, and a member of Zonta International, Freedom Recreational Services, Big Brother and Big Sister, the American Heart Association, and Sons of Italy, as well as many other

organizations; and

WHEREAS, Predeceased by her first husband, Sam Vasile, second husband, Francis "Red" Piscioti, her parents, Valentino and Rachael Emperato Sperduti, a brother, Carl Sperduti and stepson-in-law, Domenic DeTomaso, Mary Ann Vasile Piscioti is survived by three sons, Louis (Denise) Vasile, Thomas (Karen) Vasile, and Sam (Renee) Vasile; two daughters, Elaine Frost and Anne Marie (Rob) Byrd; stepson, Tony (Helen) Piscioti; one stepdaughter, Joanne DeTomaso; and 19 grandchildren, Lisa Mizro, Sam Frost, Tim, John, Louie and Jenna Vasile, Beth Ann Silvestri and Thomas Vasile Jr., Jason, Sam, Janie and Robbie Byrd and Sammy Vasile Jr., Nick, Andy and David Piscioti, Steven, Marc and Andrea DeTomaso; 17 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Mary Ann Vasile Piscioti leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all she served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to mourn the death of Mary Ann Vasile Piscioti, distinguished citizen and devoted member of her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Mary Ann Vasile Piscioti.